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House of Representatives, March 2, 2007

An Act To Amend Certain Animal Health Laws

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, PIOTTI of Unity, PRATT of Eddington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1809, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. B, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Permit required.** The commissioner may require a person who imports animals
5 or fertile avian eggs into the State to obtain a permit before the time of entry. When a
6 permit is required, the permit or permit number must accompany the shipment. The
7 commissioner may refuse to grant a permit or may issue one subject to quarantine at
8 destination if the animals or fertile avian eggs do not meet importation requirements or do
9 not comply with the inland fisheries and wildlife laws and rules adopted by the
10 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife under Title 12, chapter 915, subchapter 15
11 or Title 12, section 12102 or 12704. The commissioner may require the owner to have
12 those animals or fertile avian eggs tested or examined by a veterinarian at the owner's
13 expense. The commissioner may release those animals or fertile avian eggs from
14 quarantine only after the commissioner is satisfied that they are not a disease threat to
15 other animals or humans.

16 When ~~an animal is~~ animals or fertile avian eggs are brought into the State without a
17 required permit, the commissioner or the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
18 may condemn the animal and order it euthanized without indemnity or condemn the
19 fertile avian eggs and order them destroyed without indemnity.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill proposes to add fertile avian eggs to the list of imported animals requiring
22 importation permits.