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An Act To Create an Animal Welfare Lottery Game

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PERCY of Phippsburg.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Animal welfare lottery game.** No later than January 30, 2008, the commission,
4 in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, shall
5 develop and initiate an animal welfare lottery game designed to raise funds to improve
6 animal welfare and reduce the surplus of companion animals in the State. The sales
7 commission paid to agents for the sale of animal welfare lottery game tickets must be one
8 percentage point higher than the sales commission paid to agents for the sale of other
9 instant lottery game tickets. The commission shall provide 2/3 of the net proceeds of this
10 animal welfare lottery game to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources
11 and 1/3 of the net proceeds to the General Fund annually. The Department of Agriculture,
12 Food and Rural Resources shall split the proceeds received under this subsection equally
13 between the animal welfare program under Title 7, section 3902 and the Companion
14 Animal Sterilization Fund for subsidies to low-income persons for the spaying or
15 neutering of those persons' companion animals under Title 7, section 3910-B. The
16 commission shall change the animal welfare game ticket periodically throughout the year.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill creates an animal welfare lottery game that will split the proceeds between
19 the General Fund, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources's animal
20 welfare program and the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund for subsidies to low-
21 income persons for the spaying or neutering of those persons' companion animals.