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An Act To Provide Representation for Dog Clubs on the Animal Welfare Advisory Council

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

Handwritten signature of Joy J. O'Brien in cursive.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NASS of York.
Cosponsored by Representative CAIN of Orono and
Senators: DAVIS of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, RECTOR of Knox,
Representatives: HILL of York, KENT of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, PENDLETON
of Scarborough, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 405, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Membership.** The council consists of ~~12~~ 13 members appointed by the Governor
5 as follows:

- 6 A. One member representing municipal interests;
- 7 B. One animal control officer;
- 8 C. One member representing licensed animal shelters;
- 9 D. One member representing licensed boarding or breeding kennels;
- 10 E. One member representing licensed pet shops;
- 11 F.
- 12 G. One member who is or has been a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State;
- 13 H. One member who represents the interests of the public in animal welfare,
14 generally;
- 15 I. One attorney with experience in animal welfare law;
- 16 J. One cooperative extension agent or specialist;
- 17 K. One member with expertise in equine care;
- 18 L. One member with expertise in livestock representing a statewide farming
19 organization; ~~and~~
- 20 M. One member representing a ~~State-based~~ state-based animal advocacy group;
21 and
- 22 N. One member representing a state-based federation of dog clubs.

23 In making the appointment of the veterinarian member, the Governor shall consider
24 nominations made by the Maine Veterinary Medical Association.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill adds a representative from a state-based federation of dog clubs, such as the
27 Federation of Maine Dog Clubs, to the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.