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H.P. 429

House of Representatives, February 15, 2011

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Concerning Driving with Animals

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAUDOIN of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and

Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, BRIGGS of Mexico, CAREY of Lewiston,

CASAVANT of Biddeford, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HARLOW of Portland, RUSSELL of

Portland, VOLK of Scarborough.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2119 is enacted to read:
3	§2119. Animal impeding control or vision; prohibition
4	1. Prohibition. A person may not operate a motor vehicle:
5	A. With an animal situated on the person's lap; or
6	B. While permitting an animal located inside the vehicle to:
7	(1) Impede the person's free access to and use of the motor vehicle's controls; or
8	(2) Obstruct the person's vision.
9 10 11	2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than \$50 for the first offense and not less than \$250 for a 2nd or subsequent offense may be adjudged.
12	SUMMARY
13 14 15	This bill prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle with an animal on the person's lap or while otherwise allowing an animal to impede the control or vision of the person.