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5 **STATE OF MAINE**

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7 **125TH LEGISLATURE**

8 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**A**" to S.P. 253, L.D. 850, Bill, "An Act To
10 Improve the Enforcement of Laws Protecting Dogs"

11 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

12 '**An Act To Improve the Protection of Animals**'

13 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
14 summary and inserting the following:

15 '**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §4019**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 702, §20, is amended to read:

16 **§4019. Removal from unattended motor vehicle**

17 **1. Removal authorized.** A law enforcement officer, humane agent or, animal
18 control officer, firefighter as defined in Title 26, section 2101, first responder as defined
19 in Title 32, section 83, subsection 13-A or security guard licensed under Title 32, chapter
20 93, referred to in this section as "authorized persons," may take all steps that are
21 reasonably necessary to remove an animal from a motor vehicle if the animal's safety,
22 health or well-being appears to be in immediate danger from heat, cold or lack of
23 adequate ventilation and the conditions could reasonably be expected to cause extreme
24 suffering or death.

25 **2. Notice required.** A law enforcement officer, humane agent or animal control
26 officer who removes an animal in accordance with subsection 1 shall, in a secure and
27 conspicuous location on or within the motor vehicle, leave written notice bearing the
28 officer's or agent's name and office and the address of the location where the animal may
29 be claimed. A firefighter, first responder or security guard who removes an animal in
30 accordance with subsection 1 shall, in a secure and conspicuous location on or within the
31 motor vehicle, leave written notice bearing the person's name and the address of the
32 location where the animal may be claimed. The owner may claim the animal only after
33 payment of all charges that have accrued for the maintenance, care, medical treatment
34 and impoundment of the animal.

