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House of Representatives, February 14, 2013

**An Act To Provide for the Continuity of a Veterinary Practice
Subsequent to the Death or Incapacitation of the Owner**

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, GILBERT of Jay, HAMANN of South Portland,
MASON of Topsham, VOLK of Scarborough, WINCHENBACH of Waldoboro.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 13 MRSA §732, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3 **6. Legal guardian or personal representative of deceased or incapacitated**
4 **veterinarian.** For the purposes of this chapter, the legal guardian or personal
5 representative of a veterinarian licensed under Title 32, chapter 71-A may contract with
6 another veterinarian to continue the operations of the practice of the deceased or
7 incapacitated veterinarian for a period of up to 24 months after the death or incapacitation
8 of the veterinarian or until the practice is sold, whichever occurs first. For purposes of
9 this subsection, "personal representative" has the same meaning as in Title 18-A, section
10 1-201, subsection 30.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 Under current law, a veterinarian may practice only under the veterinarian's own
13 name or in association with one or more other veterinarians. This bill permits the legal
14 guardian or personal representative of a deceased or incapacitated veterinarian to contract
15 with another veterinarian to continue the practice for a period of up to 24 months after the
16 death or incapacitation of the veterinarian or until the practice is sold, whichever occurs
17 first.