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House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

An Act To Ensure Humane Conditions for Egg-laying Poultry

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

Robert B. Hunt
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Clerk

Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §4015, sub-§3, ¶C** is enacted to read:

3 C. Enclosures for egg-laying poultry must allow the poultry to lie down, stand up,
4 fully extend their wings and legs and turn around freely, except that this requirement
5 does not apply to poultry enclosures used to:

6 (1) Transport the poultry;

7 (2) Show the poultry at a licensed agricultural fair or as part of 4-H activities;

8 (3) Hold the poultry prior to slaughter; or

9 (4) Confine the poultry for veterinary or research purposes.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill provides for humane space standards for all egg-laying poultry that allow
12 them to move freely, with exceptions for specific circumstances.