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5 STATE OF MAINE
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7 127TH LEGISLATURE
8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 706, L.D. 1023, Bill, "An Act To
10 Revise the Animal Welfare Laws".

11 Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

12 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§5-A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 510, §1, is
13 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

14 5-A. Animal shelter. "Animal shelter" means a:

15 A. Facility that houses domesticated animals and operates for the purpose of
16 providing stray, abandoned, abused or owner-surrendered animals with sanctuary or
17 finding the animals temporary or permanent adoptive homes; or

18 B. Rescue group.

19 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§23-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §5, is
20 amended to read:

21 23-A. Rescue group. "Rescue group" means an organization or individual that
22 receives domesticated animals that have been abandoned, surrendered or removed from
23 an animal facility or that takes in homeless dogs or cats and sells, gives or otherwise
24 places the animals in private homes. ~~"Rescue group" does not include a facility licensed~~
25 ~~under chapter 723.~~

26 SUMMARY

27 This committee amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, amends
28 the definition of "animal shelter" to include rescue groups. The word "domesticated" is
29 included in the definitions of "animal shelter" and "rescue group" to ensure that wild
30 animal rescues under the jurisdiction of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
31 do not fall under these definitions.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)



Approved: 05/29/15 *MJC*

127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Revise the Animal Welfare Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional savings to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from changing certain laws regarding animal welfare are expected to be minor.