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In Senate, March 7, 2017

An Act To Require a Veterinarian to be Present at an Agricultural Fair

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §83-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§83-A. Presence of a licensed veterinarian at agricultural fairs**

4 A licensee may not hold an agricultural fair licensed under section 83 unless a
5 licensed veterinarian is present during the hours of operation of the fair or the licensee
6 has arranged for a licensed veterinarian to be available on call for those hours. The
7 commissioner may adopt rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules
8 adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter
9 375, subchapter 2-A.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires a licensed veterinarian to be on the premises or available on call
12 during all agricultural fairs.