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L.D. 1446

Date: 5/31/17 majority

(Filing No. H-379)

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 998, L.D. 1446, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Information in the Animal Welfare Laws"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6 in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'Except as provided in this subsection, the'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 6 in the last line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "not confidential information and may be released" and inserting the following: 'confidential information and may be released only if the commissioner determines that it is in the best interest of the public'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in the first line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'Except as provided in this subsection, the'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "not confidential information and may be released" and inserting the following: 'confidential information and may be released only if the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines that it is in the best interest of the public'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides that the names of and identifying information about persons who have contracted with or been hired by an entity for the purpose of filming or recording business operations of another entity in order to provide information pertaining to criminal or civil cruelty to animals to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may not be made public unless the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines that it is in the best interest of the public.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1446

LR 2202(02)

An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Information in the Animal Welfare Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry from allowing the department to determine whether or not to disclose the identities of persons hired by an entity for the purpose of filming or recording business operations of another entity in order to provide information pertaining to criminal or civil cruelty to animals are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within budgeted resources.