

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

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No. 1114

S.P. 333

In Senate, March 7, 2019

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### An Act To Humanely Treat Animals Trapped in Buildings

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative PICKETT of Dixfield and  
Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, EVANGELOS  
of Friendship, WARREN of Hallowell.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3948, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

3           **3-A. Animal trapped in building.** An animal control officer or law enforcement  
4 officer who responds to a report of an animal trapped in a building shall attempt to  
5 capture and release the animal unharmed unless doing so would pose a threat to public  
6 health or safety.

7   **SUMMARY**

8           This bill requires an animal control officer or law enforcement officer who responds  
9 to a report of an animal trapped in a building to attempt to capture and release the animal  
10 unharmed unless doing so would pose a threat to public health or safety.