

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**MAJORITY**

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**130TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 599, L.D. 1744, "An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

**Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

Initiative: Provides allocation to accommodate higher existing expenses and for an increase in the daily compensation rate paid to animal shelters holding animals pending court decisions.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
All Other	\$0	\$558,720
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$558,720</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1744

LR 2195(02)

## An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-454)  
 Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$425,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$558,720	\$558,720	\$558,720
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$425,000)	(\$425,000)	(\$425,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$558,720	\$558,720	\$558,720

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill changes how revenue from fees collected on registrations to distribute commercial feed in the State is distributed between the Animal Welfare Fund (AWF) and the General Fund. Currently, 50% of the fee is credited to the AWF and 50% is credited to the General Fund. This bill changes the distribution to 100% credited to the AWF. Changing the ratio will eliminate the budgeted General Fund revenue from this source by \$425,000 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 and increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the AWF by \$558,720 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23.

The bill also increases the daily compensation for animal shelters holding animals pending court decisions from \$5 to \$15 for dogs and cats, from \$8 to \$18 for female cats or dogs with unweaned litters and from \$10 to \$20 for equines. It also increases from \$8 to \$20 the upper limit of daily compensation for holding livestock animals, excluding equines, fowl and rabbits.

The bill includes allocations of \$558,720 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to allow expenditure of the additional revenue, which will be more than sufficient to cover the higher compensation paid to animal shelters.