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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
97th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 729, L.D. 791, Bill, "An Act  
Relating to Sale and Use of Electric Fences."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the Title thereof an emergency preamble to read as follows:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, a large number of electric fences now in use in the State are dangerous by reason of faulty construction or installation; and

Whereas, by reason of the faulty construction or installation of said electric fences, human life has been lost; and

Whereas, the following legislation is wholly necessary for the protection of human life; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore,'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the first paragraph of "Sec. 18-A" and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 18-A. Use of electrical fences. No person or individual shall sell, utilize, install or have installed within this State, equipment, devices or methods whereby fence wires may be energized with electricity unless a standard type of controller is used, which has the approval of the Underwriter's Laboratories and carries such label thereon or has the approved listing of the Department of Industrial Cooperation at the University of Maine.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof an emergency clause to read as follows:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.'

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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