

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2017**

**CHAPTER 263**  
**H.P. 1104 - L.D. 1601**

**An Act To Increase Funds  
Deposited into the Companion  
Animal Sterilization Fund  
through the Pet Food  
Surcharge**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** it is imperative to provide additional funds for spaying and neutering companion animals owned by low-income residents of Maine; and

**Whereas,** the funding source already exists and continues to grow; and

**Whereas,** directing additional existing funds to go into the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund as soon as possible will help reduce companion animal overpopulation; 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,

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §714, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 148, §1, is further amended to read:

**4. Surcharge on registration of pet food.** For each product name of pet food registered in accordance with subsection 1, the applicant shall pay a \$20 surcharge in addition to the registration fee, except that a home-based manufacturer of pet food shall pay a total annual surcharge of \$20. The commissioner shall deposit the surcharge directly into the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund established under section 3910-B as it is received until the total of the surcharges received for that registration year equals \$100,000.

The commissioner shall deposit all surcharges received for a registration year in excess of \$100,000 up to \$157,000 into the Animal Welfare Fund established under section 3906-B, subsection 2. The commissioner shall deposit all surcharges received for a registration year in excess of \$157,000 into the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund established under section 3910-B.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 27, 2017.

**CHAPTER 264**  
**H.P. 849 - L.D. 1217**

**An Act To Implement the  
Recommendations of the  
Government Oversight  
Committee To Improve the  
Efficiency and Effectiveness of  
Evaluations of the State's  
Investments in Economic  
Development**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13051,** as corrected by RR 2013, c. 2, §5, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13053, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 816, Pt. P, §6, is further amended to read:

The Department of Economic and Community Development is established to encourage economic and community planning and development policies and programs of the State and to coordinate these programs and policies within the context of a state economic development strategy plan and the long-term economic plan for the State developed pursuant to Title 10, section 929-A, subsection 1. The department is also established to work with municipalities and regional planning and economic development organizations to build strong local and regional economics and to implement programs and services through these local and regional organizations.

**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13056-A,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 563, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13056-B,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 337, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §13056-C,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 563, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §13058, sub-§5,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 337, §3, is further amended to read:

**5. Review of program; report to Governor and Legislature.** The commissioner shall review and evaluate the programs and functions of the department and the operation of the economic delivery system using the information available from the long-term economic plan for the State pursuant to Title 10, section 929-A, subsection 1, the evaluation of state economic development ~~evaluation~~ investments pursuant