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House of Representatives, February 26, 2013

### **An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Protection from Abuse Orders To Include Pets**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.  
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, GILBERT of Jay, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth,  
HARLOW of Portland, KAENRATH of South Portland, STANLEY of Medway, Senators:  
GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, TUTTLE of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4006, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

3 **5-A. Interim relief; care, custody or control of animals.** The court may make an  
4 order concerning the care, custody or control of any animal owned, possessed, leased,  
5 kept or held by either party or a minor child residing in the household and may enjoin the  
6 defendant from injuring or threatening to injure any such animal.

7 **Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §4007, sub-§1, ¶E-1** is enacted to read:

8 E-1. Directing the defendant to refrain from injuring or threatening to injure any  
9 animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by either party or a minor child  
10 residing in the household;

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends the law concerning protection from abuse orders to allow the court  
13 to include provisions in protection from abuse orders, including temporary orders, that  
14 direct the defendant to refrain from injuring or threatening to injure an animal that is  
15 owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by either party or a minor child residing in the  
16 household.