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An Act To Amend Certain Animal Health Laws

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1809, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

1. Permit required. The commissioner may require a person who imports animals or fertile avian eggs into the State to obtain a permit before the time of entry. When a permit is required, the permit or permit number must accompany the shipment. The commissioner may refuse to grant a permit or may issue one subject to quarantine at destination if the animals or fertile avian eggs do not meet importation requirements or do not comply with the inland fisheries and wildlife laws and rules adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife under Title 12, chapter 915, subchapter 15 or Title 12, section 12102 or 12704. The commissioner may require the owner to have those animals or fertile avian eggs tested or examined by a veterinarian at the owner's expense. The commissioner may release those animals or fertile avian eggs from quarantine only after the commissioner is satisfied that they are not a disease threat to other animals or humans.

When ~~an animal is~~ animals or fertile avian eggs are brought into the State without a required permit, the commissioner or the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may condemn the animal and order it euthanized without indemnity or condemn the fertile avian eggs and order them destroyed without indemnity.

SUMMARY

This bill proposes to add fertile avian eggs to the list of imported animals requiring importation permits.