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Amend the bill in section 1 in §1313 in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "otherwise" and inserting the following: 'may have otherwise'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §1313-A by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 2, lines 1 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

If an undomesticated animal ~~or a wolf hybrid~~ suspected of having rabies bites or may have otherwise exposed to rabies a person or a domestic animal, an animal control officer, a local health officer or a game warden ~~must~~shall immediately either remove the undomesticated animal ~~or wolf hybrid~~ or cause the undomesticated animal ~~or wolf hybrid~~ to be removed and euthanized for testing. If a wolf hybrid suspected of having rabies bites or may have otherwise exposed to rabies a person or a domestic animal, an animal control officer, a local health officer or a law enforcement officer shall immediately cause the animal to be euthanized for testing. When in the judgment of the animal control officer, local health officer, game warden or law enforcement officer the animal poses an immediate threat to a person or domestic animal, the animal control officer, local health officer, game warden or law enforcement officer may immediately kill or order killed that animal without destroying the head. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall arrange for the transportation of the head to the State Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory, except that the animal control officer shall make the arrangements if the animal is a wolf hybrid.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the provisions for removing or euthanizing an undomesticated animal or wolf hybrid suspected of having rabies apply when the animal has bitten someone or the animal may have otherwise exposed a person or domestic animal to rabies.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)