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**STATE OF MAINE
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130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 599, L.D. 1744, “An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees”

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §714, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 702, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Application for registration. A person may not distribute in this State a commercial feed, except a customer-formula feed, that has not been registered pursuant to this section. The application for registration must be submitted in the manner prescribed by the commissioner on forms furnished by the commissioner. The annual fee is ~~80~~ 100 per product name for pet food and the total annual fee for a home-based manufacturer of pet food is ~~80~~ 100. The annual fee is ~~80~~ 100 per product name for all other commercial feed. Upon approval by the commissioner the registration must be issued to the applicant. All registrations expire on the 31st day of December. The commissioner may issue a registration for a one-year, 2-year or 3-year period. Registrations for a period in excess of one year may only be issued with the agreement of or at the request of the applicant. The fee for a 2-year registration is 2 times the annual fee. The fee for a 3-year registration is 3 times the annual fee.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §714, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 422, §2, is amended to read:

2. Fees. The commissioner shall deposit ~~1/2~~ 40% of the fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 in the General Fund and ~~1/2~~ 60% of the fees collected in the Animal Welfare Fund established under section 3906-B.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in the 4th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~1/2 of~~" and inserting the following: '~~1/2 of~~ 60% of'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 'Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
2 allocations are made.

3 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

4 **Animal Welfare Fund 0946**

5 Initiative: Provides allocation to accommodate higher existing expenses and for an increase
6 in the daily compensation rate paid to animal shelters holding animals pending court
7 decisions.

8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
9	All Other	\$0	\$279,360

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11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$279,360

12 '
13 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
14 number to read consecutively.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment, which is the minority report, increases the registration fee to
17 distribute a commercial feed in the State from \$80 to \$100 per product name for pet food,
18 from \$80 to \$100 per product name for all other commercial feed and from \$80 to \$100 the
19 total annual fee for a home-based manufacturer of pet food. The amendment also changes
20 the amount of fees collected from registrations to distribute a commercial feed in the State
21 that is deposited into the Animal Welfare Fund from 100% of the fees collected as proposed
22 in the bill to 60% of the fees collected with 40% deposited into the General Fund. The
23 amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

25 **(See attached)**