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## **An Act To Protect Veterinarians Providing Animal Welfare Services for the State**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3909-A** is enacted to read:

### **§ 3909-A. Immunity from civil liability**

**1. Immunity.** A licensed veterinarian who performs any animal welfare service at the request of the State or a state agency is immune from any civil liability arising from that service if:

- A. The service is within the scope of that veterinarian's licensure; and
- B. The veterinarian acts in good faith.

**2. Exception.** The immunity provided by this section is not available if the veterinarian acted recklessly or with gross negligence.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill provides immunity from civil suit for any veterinarian who performs animal welfare services for the State.