



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Update the Civil Animal Welfare Laws

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Nadeau of Winslow

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class D crimes.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

State Mandates

Required Activity

Municipalities will be required to follow certain procedures related to stray livestock, including: to seize, impound or restrain stray livestock, deliver livestock to a facility capable of containing them, arrange for safe confinement, retain custody for 10 days, provide food, shelter and medical care, take ownership after 10 days or convey ownership to an animal shelter.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Insignificant
limited scope

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.