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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 448, L.D. 679, “An Act Regarding Animals Abandoned by Tenants”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3919-B, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 405, §9, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding sections 3913 and 3919-A and except as provided in Title 17, section 1021, when a person brings a pet to an animal shelter because the owner of that pet is incarcerated or hospitalized or under the process described in Title 14, section 6025-A, that person shall provide the animal shelter with the name and last known address of the pet's owner and the name and address of ~~the~~ a facility where the person is incarcerated or hospitalized. The person bringing the pet to the shelter shall also provide the shelter with that person's name and address and that person's relationship to the owner or the official capacity in which that person is acting to enforce the animal welfare laws. The animal shelter may accept the pet unless the shelter is in quarantine. An animal shelter accepting a pet under this section shall comply with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6025, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 428, §10, is amended to read:

2. Landlord obligations. Except in the case of emergency or if it is impracticable to do so, the landlord shall give the tenant reasonable notice of ~~his~~ the landlord's intent to enter and shall enter only at reasonable times. Twenty-four hours is presumed to be a reasonable notice in the absence of evidence to the contrary. An emergency when the welfare of an animal is at risk as described in section 6025-A is grounds for permitting entry without 24 hours' notice.

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §6025-A is enacted to read:

§6025-A. Access to care for animals

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

