

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

S.P. 599 - L.D. 1744

**An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing
Certain Fees**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §714, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 422, §2, is amended to read: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~~ 20% of the fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 in the General Fund and ~~1/2~~ 80% of the fees collected in the Animal Welfare Fund established under section 3906-B.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 148, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit all license fees received pursuant to chapters 721, 723, 725 and 735 in a separate account established by the Treasurer of State and known as the Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit ~~1/2~~ 80% of the feed registration fees collected under section 714, subsection 1 and all revenue in excess of \$100,000 from the surcharge collected under section 714, subsection 4 in the Animal Welfare Fund. This account does not lapse, but continues from year to year. The commissioner shall pay from the Animal Welfare Fund the expense of furnishing license blanks, stickers and tags, travel expenses and salaries for necessary personnel, payments to animal shelters and expenses incurred in the administration of this Part.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

1. Compensation for dogs and cats. Compensation for a dog or cat is ~~\$5~~ \$15 a day. Compensation for a female cat or dog with a litter that has not been weaned is ~~\$8~~ \$18 a day.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

2. Equines. Compensation for an equine is ~~\$10~~ \$20 a day.

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

3. Livestock. Except for equines, fowl and rabbits, compensation for a livestock animal is between \$5 and \$8 \$20 a day as determined by the department based on the size of the animal.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Animal Welfare Fund 0946

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$335,232
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$335,232</u>