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An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Concerning Driving with Animals

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2119 is enacted to read:

§ 2119. Animal impeding control or vision; prohibition

1. Prohibition. A person may not operate a motor vehicle:

A. With an animal situated on the person's lap; or

B. While permitting an animal located inside the vehicle to:

(1) Impede the person's free access to and use of the motor vehicle's controls; or

(2) Obstruct the person's vision.

2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than \$50 for the first offense and not less than \$250 for a 2nd or subsequent offense may be adjudged.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle with an animal on the person's lap or while otherwise allowing an animal to impede the control or vision of the person.