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An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Administration of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council

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Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren. Cosponsored by Senator TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland and Representatives: COOPER of Windham, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, FROST of Belgrade, GUERRETTE of Caribou, HALL of Wilton, HEPLER of Woolwich. 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-C, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 399,
 §3, is amended to read:

6. Administration; meetings. The council shall elect one of its members as chair.
The chair serves for a 2-year period and may not serve as chair for consecutive 2-year periods.

The council shall hold regular public meetings <u>at least</u> every other month but may waive
by majority vote a succeeding meeting. The chair shall call special meetings of the council
whenever requested in writing by 2 or more members. The council shall send notice and
minutes of the meetings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over animal welfare matters.

- 12 The chair may delegate, as necessary, duties to members of the council, either individually 13 or through the formation of subcommittees, to carry out the functions of the council.
- 14 SUMMARY
- 15 This bill amends the laws governing the Animal Welfare Advisory Council to authorize 16 the council to meet more frequently than the required meeting every other month. The bill 17 also allows the chair of the council to delegate council duties to individual council members 18 or subcommittees.