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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 782, L.D. 1234, “An Act to Provide Reimbursement for Health Care Expenses of Retired State Police Law Enforcement Dogs”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Provide Reimbursement for the Health Care Expenses of All Retired Law Enforcement, Corrections and Search and Rescue Dogs'

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10111 is enacted to read:

§10111. Health care for retired search and rescue dogs

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Authorized handler" means a current or former law enforcement officer or other state employee who was the handler of a retired search and rescue dog during the dog's active service for the department and who is currently responsible for the well-being and health care of the dog.

B. "Search and rescue dog" has the same meaning as in Title 14, section 164-B, subsection 1, paragraph D.

2. Health care for retired search and rescue dogs. The department shall pay the health care expenses of a retired search and rescue dog that was used in service by the department. Upon submission of receipts of bona fide health care expenses on behalf of the dog, the department shall reimburse the authorized handler of the dog up to \$5,000 per calendar year.

3. Administration. The department shall administer the payment of health care expenses for retired search and rescue dogs under subsection 2.

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1 **4. Rules.** The department may adopt rules to administer this section. Rules adopted
2 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
3 subchapter 2-A.

4 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1509-B** is enacted to read:

5 **§1509-B. Health care for retired law enforcement dogs**

6 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
7 following terms have the following meanings.

8 A. "Authorized handler" means a current or former law enforcement officer or other
9 state employee who was the handler of a retired law enforcement dog during the dog's
10 active service for the department and who is currently responsible for the well-being
11 and health care of the dog.

12 B. "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

13 C. "Law enforcement dog" means a dog trained for law enforcement use that is actively
14 certified pursuant to federal, national, regional or state standards and that is owned or
15 maintained by the department for law enforcement or security services.

16 **2. Health care for retired law enforcement dogs.** The department shall pay the health
17 care expenses of a retired law enforcement dog that was used in service by the department.
18 Upon submission of receipts of bona fide health care expenses on behalf of the dog, the
19 department shall reimburse the authorized handler of the dog up to \$5,000 per calendar
20 year.

21 **3. Administration.** The department shall administer the payment of health care
22 expenses for retired law enforcement dogs under subsection 2.

23 **4. Rules.** The department may adopt rules to administer this section. Rules adopted
24 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
25 subchapter 2-A.

26 **Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §1220** is enacted to read:

27 **§1220. Health care for retired corrections dogs**

28 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
29 following terms have the following meanings.

30 A. "Authorized handler" means a current or former corrections officer or other state
31 employee who was the handler of a retired corrections dog during the dog's active
32 service for the department and who is currently responsible for the well-being and
33 health care of the dog.

34 B. "Corrections dog" means a dog trained for corrections use that is actively certified
35 pursuant to federal, national, regional or state standards and that is owned or maintained
36 by the department for corrections services.

37 **2. Health care for retired corrections dogs.** The department shall pay the health care
38 expenses of a retired corrections dog that was used in service by the department. Upon
39 submission of receipts of bona fide health care expenses on behalf of the dog, the
40 department shall reimburse the authorized handler of the dog up to \$5,000 per calendar
41 year.

1 **3. Administration.** The department shall administer the payment of health care
 2 expenses for retired corrections dogs under subsection 2.

3 **4. Rules.** The department may adopt rules to administer this section. Rules adopted
 4 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
 5 subchapter 2-A.

6 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 7 allocations are made.

8 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**
 9 **Administration - Corrections 0141**

10 Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse authorized handlers of retired corrections dogs
 11 for health care expenses paid by the handlers up to \$5,000 per calendar year.

12	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
13	All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
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15	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000

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 17 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**
 18 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

19		2023-24	2024-25
20	GENERAL FUND	\$20,000	\$20,000
21			
22	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000

23 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**
 24 **Search and Rescue 0538**

25 Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse authorized handlers of retired search and rescue
 26 dogs for health care expenses paid by the handlers up to \$5,000 per calendar year.

27	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
28	All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
29			
30	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000	\$15,000

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 32 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,**
 33 **DEPARTMENT OF**
 34 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

35		2023-24	2024-25
36	GENERAL FUND	\$15,000	\$15,000
37			
38	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$15,000	\$15,000

39 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**
 40 **Fire Marshal - Office of 0327**

1 Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse authorized handlers of retired law enforcement
 2 dogs for health care expenses paid by the handlers up to \$5,000 per calendar year.

3	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
4	All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
5			
6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

7 **State Police 0291**

8 Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse authorized handlers of retired law enforcement
 9 dogs for health care expenses paid by the handlers up to \$5,000 per calendar year.

10	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
11	All Other	\$32,500	\$32,500
12			
13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$32,500</u>	<u>\$32,500</u>

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15	HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
16	All Other	\$17,500	\$17,500
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18	HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$17,500</u>	<u>\$17,500</u>

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20	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
21	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
22			
23	GENERAL FUND	\$42,500	\$42,500
24	HIGHWAY FUND	\$17,500	\$17,500
25			
26	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>

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28	SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
29			
30	GENERAL FUND	\$77,500	\$77,500
31	HIGHWAY FUND	\$17,500	\$17,500
32			
33	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$95,000</u>	<u>\$95,000</u>

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35 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 36 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

38 This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment provides for
 39 reimbursement, up to \$5,000 per year, to the authorized handlers of retired law enforcement
 40 dogs, retired search and rescue dogs and retired corrections dogs used by the Department
 41 of Public Safety, including the State Police, the Department of Inland Fisheries and

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1 Wildlife and the Department of Corrections for the dogs' health care costs. The amendment
2 also makes technical changes.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)