

Opposition to LD 1771 “An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Kennels by Changing the Licensing Authority from Municipalities to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.”

I oppose LD 1771. This bill would require hobby kennel owners to:

- Apply for and maintain a \$50 state animal care facility license.
- Additionally pay for and acquire individual municipal dog licenses for every dog owned due to the elimination of the option of receiving up to 10 kennel license tags for dogs owned under one \$42 municipal kennel license.

Hobby kennel owners would be registering all of their dogs twice, significantly increasing their licensing fees and showing proof of rabies vaccinations to both the town the kennel is in and the State of Maine.

By inappropriately categorizing the hobby kennel as a “facility” LD 1771 would make compliance with department state license rules and regulations virtually impossible for home based hobby kennels.

- A hobby kennel houses five (5) or more personally owned dogs for private use such as sledding. It is not operated as a business and does not have commercial zoning, staff, infrastructure or a state facility license.
- An animal care facility state licensee is a business operation open to the public and offering goods, services, and accommodations involving boarding, breeding, or sale of dogs not born or raised on the premises.

It includes pet shops, boarding kennels, and large-scale breeders.

It is unacceptable to categorize, license and regulate a hobby kennel as an animal care facility.

Charlotte Carroll

Raymond, Maine

Charlotte Carroll
RAYMOND
LD 1771

I oppose LD 1771. This bill would require hobby kennel owners to:

- Apply for and maintain a \$50 state animal care facility license.
- Additionally pay for and acquire individual municipal dog licenses for every dog owned due to the elimination of the option of receiving up to 10 kennel license tags for dogs owned under one \$42 municipal kennel license.

Hobby kennel owners would be registering all of their dogs twice, significantly increasing their licensing fees and showing proof of rabies vaccinations to both the town the kennel is in and the State of Maine.

By inappropriately categorizing the hobby kennel as a “facility” LD 1771 would make compliance with department state license rules and regulations virtually impossible for home based hobby kennels.

- A hobby kennel houses five (5) or more personally owned dogs for private use such as sledding. It is not operated as a business and does not have commercial zoning, staff, infrastructure or a state facility license.
- An animal care facility state licensee is a business operation open to the public and offering goods, services, and accommodations involving boarding, breeding, or sale of dogs not born or raised on the premises. It includes pet shops, boarding kennels, and large-scale breeders.

It is unacceptable to categorize, license and regulate a hobby kennel as an animal care facility.