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**Resolve, To Encourage Reciprocity between Maine and New Hampshire in the Reporting of Rabies Vaccinations by Veterinarians** 

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HILL of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, SHERMAN of Aroostook, THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, McCABE of Skowhegan.

1 Sec. 1. Reciprocity. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food 2 and Rural Resources shall invite the Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets and Food of 3 New Hampshire to jointly develop a reciprocity agreement regarding the vaccination of dogs against rabies. Under the reciprocity agreement, if a veterinarian from one state 4 vaccinates against rabies a dog that is owned by a person who lives in the other state, the 5 veterinarian shall send to the department of agriculture in the other state a rabies 6 7 certificate for that dog in the manner now required for veterinarians in this State to send a rabies vaccination certificate to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources 8 9 pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3916, subsection 2-A.

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## **SUMMARY**

11 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to 12 enter into a reciprocity agreement with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets and 13 Food of New Hampshire to require a veterinarian from one state to send a rabies 14 vaccination certificate to the department of agriculture in the other state if the veterinarian 15 vaccinates against rabies a dog that is owned by a person living in the other state.