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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 913, L.D. 1286, Bill, “An Act To Protect Maine Communities by Prohibiting Horse Slaughter for Human Consumption and the Transport of Horses for Slaughter”

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

'An Act To Protect Maine Communities by Prohibiting Horse Slaughter for Sale or Barter for Human Consumption and by Prohibiting the Transport of Horses for Slaughter'

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

'Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3967 is enacted to read:

§3967. Equine slaughter for sale or barter prohibited for human consumption

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

A. "Horse" includes all members of the genus Equus, including horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, asses and burros.

B. "Horseflesh" or "horsemeat" means the flesh of a dead horse and includes the animal's viscera, skin, hair, hide, hooves and bones.

C. "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association or other legal entity.

2. Prohibition against horse slaughter for sale or barter. A person may not slaughter a horse to sell, barter or offer for sale or barter, at wholesale or retail, for human consumption.

3. Prohibition against transport of a horse for slaughter. A person may not knowingly transport a horse for the purpose of slaughter for human consumption and may not knowingly transport horsemeat, or any product made in whole or in part from horsemeat, for human consumption.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

