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In Senate, December 22, 2021

**An Act Requiring a Contract for the Administration of the
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost
Spaying and Neutering Program**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 20, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator: DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representative: PIERCE of Falmouth.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3910-B, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. CCCC, §2, is amended to read:

1-A. ~~Option to contract for administration~~ Administration of the fund. The commissioner ~~may~~ shall contract the administration of the fund to a suitable organization or individual selected through a competitive process. The contracting organization or individual shall administer the fund in accordance with procedures and eligibility standards established under subsection 2. The contracting organization or individual may not expend more than 15% of the fund annually for administrative costs.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3910-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. CCCC, §3, is amended to read:

4. Oversight. The Animal Welfare Advisory Council established in section 3906-C or a subcommittee of the council shall review the objectives of the fund and make recommendations for maximizing use of available resources to meet the objectives of the fund. The council or subcommittee shall review the administration of the fund and make recommendations, ~~which may include~~ including the development of a competitive process to contract for the administration of the fund.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to contract for the administration of the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund.