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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §714, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 459, §2, is further amended to read:

**4. Surcharge on registration of pet food.** For each product name of pet food registered in accordance with subsection 1, the applicant shall pay a ~~\$20~~\$17.50 surcharge in addition to the registration fee, except that a home-based manufacturer of pet food shall pay a total annual surcharge of ~~\$20~~\$17.50. The commissioner shall deposit the surcharge into the Animal Welfare Fund established under section 3906-B, subsection 2. This surcharge must be decreased in future years as other funding for the Animal Welfare Fund and Companion Animal Sterilization Fund established under section 3910-B, subsection 1 becomes available. A decrease in the surcharge may not result in either fund receiving less money than it received in the previous fiscal year.’

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

## SUMMARY

This amendment decreases the surcharge on pet food registered pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 714, subsection 4 from \$20 a year to \$17.50 a year.