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11	Presented by Representative Drinkwater of Belfast.
12 13	STATE OF MAINE
14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
17 18 19	AN ACT to Prohibit the Creation of a Nuisance by Habitually Barking Dogs.
20 21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
22	7 MRSA §3706 is enacted to read:
23	§3706. Creation of nuisance by dogs
24	1. Prohibition. A person commits a civil viola-
25	tion if he owns or keeps any dog which creates a nui-
26	sance by habitually barking, biting, howling or in
27 28	any other manner disturbing the peace and quiet of
28	any other person, after that owner or keeper had been previously warned by any law enforcement officer,
30	animal control officer, justice of the peace, or any
31	other public official authorized for these purposes,
32	that his dog or dogs have been disturbing the peace
33	and quiet of another person or persons.

1	2. Penalty. A forfeiture of not less than \$2	:5
2	nor more than \$100 shall be adjudged for a violatic	'n
3	of this section.	

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to remedy the problem of persons being subjected to the continuous barking of neighbors' dogs over which there is no present control, other than an occasional municipal ordi-nance.