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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 182

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7 H.P. 148

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Murphy of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Representative Farnum of South Berwick.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Date by Which Dogs Must
18 be Licensed.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3451, as amended by PL 1981, c.
23 698, §16, is further amended by adding before the
24 first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

25 Each municipality shall, by ordinance, establish
26 either January 1st or April 1st as the date prior to
27 which each owner or keeper of a dog within that mu-
28 nicipality must license that dog.

29 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3451, first ¶, as amended by PL
30 1981, c. 193, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

31 Each owner or keeper of a dog at the age of 6
32 months or over, except dogs kept under a kennel li-
33 cense as provided in this section, shall annually, on
34 or before January 1st, ~~annually~~ the date established

1 by the municipality pursuant to this section, or at
2 such time as such the dog becomes 6 months old, cause
3 such the dog to be licensed in the municipal clerk's
4 office in the town where such the dog is kept. Such
5 The license shall state the breed, sex, color and
6 markings of such the dogs and the name and address of
7 the owner or keeper. No city or town clerk shall may
8 issue a license for any dog until the applicant has
9 filed with such the clerk proof that such the dog has
10 been immunized against rabies in accordance with
11 rules promulgated by the Commissioner of Human Ser-
12 vices, provided the requirement of immunization may
13 be waived by such the clerk under conditions set
14 forth by the Commissioner of Human Services. In the
15 case of any guide dog or hearing dog kept prior to
16 training or for breeding purposes as defined in this
17 section, the commissioner shall accept valid proof of
18 immunization against rabies provided by another
19 state.

20 Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3451, 6th ¶, as repealed and re-
21 placed by PL 1965, c. 193, §4, is amended to read:

22 Any person becoming the owner or keeper of a dog
23 after the first day of January date on which dogs are
24 to be registered in a municipality, not duly licensed
25 as required, shall, within 10 days after he becomes
26 the owner or keeper of said the dog, cause said the
27 dog to be described and licensed as provided.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The purpose of this bill is to permit municipali-
30 ties to change the date on which dogs are to be li-
31 censed in that municipality from January 1st to April
32 1st.

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