

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 109.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-THREE.

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AN ACT additional to chapter thirty of the revised  
statutes relating to license fee and tax on dogs.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Every owner or keeper of a dog  
2 more than six months old, shall in the month of  
3 April, annually, cause it to be registered, described  
4 and licensed for one year in the office of the city,  
5 town or plantation clerk, wherein he resides, and  
6 pay therefor to said clerk the sum of one dollar and  
7 twenty cents, and shall cause it to wear around its  
8 neck a collar distinctly marked with the owner or  
9 keeper's name and also with the registered number.

SECT. 2. The clerk of each city, town or planta-  
2 tion shall keep a true record of all dogs licensed

3 under this act, and pay to the treasurer of said city,  
4 town or plantation, one dollar for each dog so  
5 licensed.

SECT. 3. Whoever wrongfully removes the col-  
2 lar from or steals a dog licensed and collared as  
3 aforesaid, shall be punished by a fine not exceed-  
4 ing twenty dollars, and whoever wrongfully kills,  
5 maims, entices or carries away such a dog shall be  
6 liable to the owner for its value.

SECT. 4. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the  
2 provisions of this act shall forfeit ten dollars, to be  
3 recovered on complaint, one-half to the use of the  
4 complainant and one-half to the use of the city,  
5 town or plantation, wherein such dog is kept, and  
6 any person may, and every police officer and con-  
7 stable shall kill or cause to be killed or destroyed,  
8 all dogs going at large and not licensed and col-  
9 lared according to the provisions of this act, and  
10 any such police officer or constable shall be subject  
11 to a fine of five dollars for knowingly and wilfully  
12 refusing or neglecting to kill such dogs; and such  
13 officers, when not otherwise paid for their services,  
14 shall receive from the treasury of such city, town  
15 or plantation, one dollar for such dog so destroyed.

SECT. 5. Whoever suffers loss by reason of the  
2 worrying, maiming or killing of his sheep, lambs,  
3 or other domestic animals by dogs, may within  
4 thirty days after he knows of such loss, present  
5 proof thereof to the municipal officers of the city,  
6 town or plantation wherein the damage is done, and  
7 upon satisfactory proof being made, said municipal  
8 officers shall cause to be paid from the treasury of  
9 said city, town or plantation, the amount of such  
10 loss, and the treasurer of any city, town or planta-  
11 tion may recover for the use of said city, town or  
12 plantation, from the keeper or owner of any dog  
13 concerned in doing the damage, the full amount  
14 thereof with costs.

SECT. 6. All monies remaining in the treasuries  
2 of any city, town or plantation that have been re-  
3 ceived under the provisions of this and the five  
4 preceding sections, shall be appropriated for such  
5 uses as the municipal officers thereof shall direct.

SECT. 7. Section seven, chapter six of the re-  
2 vised statutes, relating to the assessment and col-  
3 lection of taxes, and all acts and parts of acts in-  
4 consistent with this act are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 20, 1883. }

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, by Mr. COPE-  
LAND of Turner, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

F. L. PATTEN, *Clerk pro tem.*