

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No: 260

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to amend chapter four of the Revised Statutes relating
to better protection of sheep.

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

Section 1. Revised Statutes, chapter four, section forty-
2 nine, is hereby amended by striking out the words "one
3 dollar" in the eighth line of said section and substituting
4 therefor the words 'two dollars,' so that said section as
5 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 49. The mayor of each city and the municipal offi-
7 cers of towns and plantations shall annually within ten days

8 from the first day of May issue a warrant to one or more
9 police officers or constables directing them to proceed forth-
10 with either to kill or cause to be killed all dogs within such
11 city, town or plantation not licensed and collared or enclosed
12 according to the provisions of this chapter, and to enter com-
13 plaint against the owners or keepers thereof. Such officers
14 shall receive from the city, town or plantation, two dollars
15 for each dog so killed. All bills for such services shall be
16 approved by the mayor of cities, and municipal officers of
17 towns and plantations.'

Sect. 2. Revised Statutes, chapter four, section sixty, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "vicious" in the
3 seventh line of said section the following words: 'and if any
4 dog is found running at large or outside of the immediate
5 control of its owner or keeper, whether said dog be danger-
6 ous or vicious or otherwise, complaint may be made as afore-
7 said in the same manner as if said dog were believed to be
8 dangerous or vicious'; also by striking out the word "one"
9 in the sixteenth line of said section and substituting therefor
10 the word 'five'; also by striking out the word "ten" in said
11 sixteenth line and substituting therefor the word 'fifteen,' so
12 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 60. Whoever is so assaulted or finds a dog strolling
14 outside of the premises or immediate care of its owner or
15 keeper, may, within forty-eight hours thereafter, make writ-
16 ten complaint before the municipal or police court having
17 jurisdiction in the city or town where the owner or keeper

18 resides, or in case there is no such court, before a trial justice
19 in said town, that he really believes and has reason to believe
20 that said dog is dangerous or vicious; and if any dog is
21 found running at large or outside of the immediate control
22 of its owner or keeper, whether said dog be dangerous or
23 vicious or otherwise, complaint may be made as aforesaid in
24 the same manner as if said dog were believed to be dangerous
25 or vicious; whereupon said court or trial justice shall order
26 said owner or keeper to appear and answer to said complaint
27 by serving said owner or keeper of said dog with a copy of
28 said complaint and order a reasonable time before the day
29 set for a hearing thereon; and if upon hearing, the court or
30 trial justice is satisfied that said complaint is true, he shall
31 order said owner or keeper within twenty-four hours there-
32 after either to kill or confine said dog or remove and keep
33 the same beyond the limits of said town or city; and if said
34 owner or keeper neglects to comply with said order, he shall
35 forfeit to the use of the city or town aforesaid not less than
36 five, nor more than fifteen dollars, to be recovered in an
37 action on the case.'

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 22, 1907.

Reported by Mr. TITCOMB from Committee on Agriculture, and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*