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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 446

House of Representatives, March 1, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bowman of Detroit.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to better protect sheep, poultry and other domestic animals from dogs and wild animals.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

The owner, lessee, or manager of any farm, or farm land,

- 2 on which domestic animals are kept, or the agent of such
- 3 owner, lessee, or manager having written authority to do so,
- 4 may at any time, lawfully kill any dog when unaccompanied
- 5 by his master or any wild animal which, by instinct or
- 6 habit, destroys, mangles or injures sheep or lambs or other
- 7 domestic animals, including poultry, when such dog or wild

8 animal is found on such farm or land within an inclosure 9 for sheep or other domestic animals, including poultry, or 10 when found about the buildings of such farm, or in open 11 fields where such sheep or domestic animals are accustomed 12 to go. In case a collar is found on a dog so killed, it shall 13 be sent immediately to the owner or to the municipal offi-14 cers of the town or plantation.