

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 132

In Senate, January 17, 1961

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Christie of Aroostook by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to State Humane Agents.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Unlicensed dogs; warrants; disposal. The municipal officers of each ~~city, town or plantation~~ municipality shall annually within 10 days from the first day of June issue a warrant, returnable on the first day of July following, to one or more police officers ~~or~~, constables **or State Humane Agents**, directing him or them to proceed forthwith to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog. The said police officer ~~or~~, constable **or State Humane Agent** shall, before entering such complaint and obtaining said summons, call on the owner or keeper of said dog and demand that he conform with the law and pay the license fees due, and if the owner pays such license fees, he shall pay in addition thereto the officer's fee of \$2, which the officer shall retain and make return and pay over to the city or town clerk the license fees received by him.

On the first day of July the municipal officers of ~~cities, towns and plantations~~ municipalities shall issue to one or more police officers ~~or~~, constables **or State Humane Agents** a warrant returnable on the first Monday of the following February, directing him or them to seek out, catch and confine all dogs within such ~~city, town or plantation~~ municipality which are not licensed, collared and tagged or enclosed, as required by sections 9 to 28, and to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any such dog. Such court may order such police officers ~~or~~, constables **or State Humane Agents** to sell,

give away, kill or cause to be killed each such dog which, after being detained by him or them for a period of 6 days, shall not have been licensed, collared and tagged.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 100, § 15, amended. Section 15 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 15. Officers to make returns. Each police officer ~~or~~, constable ~~or~~ State Humane Agent to whom the warrants named in ~~the preceding~~ section 14 are issued shall return the same at the time specified. Such officers shall receive from the ~~city, town or plantation~~ municipality the sum of \$2 for each dog killed or otherwise disposed of, and for other services rendered under ~~the provisions of~~ sections 9 to 28, they shall receive such compensation as the municipal officers may determine.

~~Provided, however, that in~~ In no case shall such officer be entitled to more than \$2 as a fee for disposing of any dog.'