

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 400

In Senate, February 8, 1961

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Parker of Piscataquis.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Revising Dog Registration and Licensing Laws.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 9, amended. Section 9 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 135 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Lists of all dogs; returns. Assessors of taxes shall include in their inventories lists of all dogs 6 months old or over owned or kept by any inhabitants on the first day of April, setting the number and sex thereof opposite the names of their respective owners or keepers, and shall make returns to the clerks of their respective cities or towns and to the Commissioner of Agriculture or his authorized agent of such lists on or before the ~~15th~~ first day of June following.

The Commissioner of Agriculture or his authorized agent shall, on or before the first day of September of each year, report to the Treasurer of State the number of dogs by sexes, the number of dogs reported killed, and the number of kennels found in each city or town, together with the amount due the State from each city or town for dog licenses.

The Treasurer of State shall notify the municipal officers of each city or town before October 1st of each year of the amount due the State for dog licenses, on which amount he shall allow credit for all dogs reported killed, **or assessed in error. Assessors of taxes shall make application to the Commissioner of Agriculture or his authorized agent for such credits before August 1st.**

If any city or town fails to remit to the Treasurer of State on or before October 15th of each year a sum of money equal to the licenses required by sections

9 to 28 on all dogs living on the ~~15th~~ first day of ~~June~~ August preceding, such deficiency shall be collected in the manner provided by ~~section 13~~ of chapter 18, section 13.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 100, § 10, amended. The 5th paragraph of section 10 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is repealed, as follows:

'Returns from clerks of cities, towns and plantations showing all licenses issued by them together with a correct report showing the total number of dogs in "both sexes" found by the city or town assessors and the number of dogs killed shall be made to the commissioner of agriculture not later than the 1st day of July each year.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 100, § 14, amended. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 14 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'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 ~~1st~~ 15th day of July following, to one or more police officers or constables, directing him or them to proceed forthwith to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 100, § 14, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 14 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'On the ~~1st~~ 15th day of July the municipal officers of ~~cities, towns and plantations~~ municipalities shall issue to one or more police officers or constables 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.'