

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1158

S. P. 415

In Senate, February 7, 1963

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Ferguson of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Dog Licenses and Fees Therefor.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 100, § 10, amended. The first 3 paragraphs of section 10 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess or harbor a dog after the first day of April without first having obtained a license therefor in compliance with the provisions set forth. A license shall not be required for dogs under 4 months of age on the first day of April.

Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$15 to be recovered by complaint before any District Court having jurisdiction.

A fee of \$2.15 shall be paid the municipal clerk or dog recorder for each license issued on male dogs, and a fee of \$6.15 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young. All female dogs shall be considered capable of producing young unless a certificate issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture and signed by a licensed veterinarian, or previous license record, is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating that such female was made incapable of bearing young by spaying by him. When such certificate accompanies the application, a fee of \$2.15 shall then be paid on such spayed females. In addition to the amount paid for license and tag, each applicant shall pay the municipal clerk or dog recorder 35c for the recording and making a return to the Commissioner of Agriculture, except that a license and tag shall be issued by the municipal clerk or dog recorder upon application, for any trained guide dog owned or kept by a blind

person without payment of any fee required under this section. When any such dog has not been previously registered or licensed by the municipal clerk or dog recorder to whom such application is being made, such municipal clerk or dog recorder shall not register such dog nor issue to the owner or keeper a license and tag therefor unless written evidence shall be exhibited to him that the dog is trained and educated and intended in the fact to perform such guide service for such applicant.

Such licenses shall be made in triplicate, the original copy shall be mailed to the Commissioner of Agriculture, one copy given to the person applying for the license and one copy retained by the municipal clerk or dog recorder.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 100, § 10, amended. The 2nd sentence of the last paragraph of section 10 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'When the number of dogs so kept does not exceed 10, the fee for such license shall be ~~\$9.90~~ \$15.15, and in addition ~~25c~~ 35c for each such license as a fee for recording and making the return required by law; when the number of dogs so kept exceeds 10, the fee for such license shall be ~~\$19.90~~ \$25.15, and in addition ~~25c~~ 35c for each such license as a fee for recording and making the return required by law, and no fees shall be required for the dogs of such owner or keeper under the age of 6 4 months.'