

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 943

H. P. 705 House of Representatives, February 3, 1965
Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Baker of Orrington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Repealing Duties of State Humane Agents in Enforcing Dog Laws.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 3702, amended. Section 3702 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 3702. Warrants; disposal

The municipal officers of each municipality shall annually within 10 days from the first day of June issue a warrant, returnable on July 15th 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 \$3, which the officer shall retain and make return and pay over to the city or town clerk the license fees received by him.

On July 15th the municipal officers of 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 January, directing him or them to seek out, catch and confine all dogs within such municipality which are not licensed, collared and tagged or enclosed, as required by this chapter and chapters 701, 703, 705 and 711 and sections 3603 to 3605, 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., T. 7, § 3703, amended. The first sentence of section 3703 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Each police officer ~~or~~ constable ~~or State Humane Agent~~ to whom the warrants named in section 3702 are issued shall return the same at the time specified.'