

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Time Limit of Keeping Sick or Injured Dogs by Agency  
Boarding Such Dogs.**

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

**R. S., T. 7, § 3406, amended.** The 2nd and 3rd sentences of section 3406 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

Any licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter accepting such a sick, stray, injured or abandoned dog shall keep the same for a period of ~~2 weeks~~ **7 days** and shall be entitled to receive from the State the sum of \$1 per day for such period or part thereof as they shall provide food and shelter, provided such licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter shall notify the clerk of their respective municipality within 24 hours after accepting such a dog, such notice to include a detailed description of the dog and the circumstances of its finding. Upon the expiration of said ~~2 weeks~~ **7 days** if the owner of the dog has not appeared to claim the same then said licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter may give away, sell or otherwise humanely dispose of said dog.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The purpose of this section is to take care of sick, stray, injured or abandoned dogs. After 14 days, the agency boarding such dogs has the right to give away, sell or humanely dispose of them providing that the owners or keepers do not appear to claim them.

The 7-day holding period, provided by the amendment, is similar to that of other states and appears to be a reasonable length of time to carry out the intent of this section of the law.