

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 476

H. P. 366

House of Representatives, January 29, 1969

On Motion of Mr. Mills of Eastport. Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Registration and Licensing of Dogs on Indian Reservations.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 4718, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4718 to read as follows:

§ 4718. Registration and licensing of dogs

1. Clerk to be furnished with list of dogs. The governors of the Penobscot and Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians shall make or cause to be made a list of all dogs owned, kept by or in the possession of each member of said tribes residing on said Indian reservations and deliver such list to the clerks of said tribes at least 10 days before the first day of April of each year.

2. Dogs to be licensed; fee and general provisions. Each member of said tribes and all other persons residing on said reservations, who owns, keeps or has in his possession a dog, more than 4 months old, shall annually before the first day of April cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from said first day of April, in the offices of said clerks, and shall keep around its neck a collar distinctly marked with the owner's name and its registered number, and shall pay to said clerks for a license \$1.25 for each male dog, and \$3.25 for each female dog, and any member of said tribes becoming the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of April, not duly licensed, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed as provided.

3. License fees; how expended. Said clerks shall issue said license and receive the money therefor, and turn the same into the fund for the municipal purposes of said tribes, retaining to his own use 25¢ for each license issued.

4. Penalty for violation. Any member of said tribes who keeps a dog contrary to this section shall pay a fine of \$10, or be punished by imprisonment in the jail in the appropriate county for not more than 30 days.

5. Dogs, not licensed, to be killed; warrant to be issued by clerks. Said clerks shall annually, within 10 days from the first day of May, issue a warrant to the constables of said tribes directing them to proceed forthwith, either to kill or cause to be killed, all dogs on said reservations not licensed and collared according to this section, and to enter complaint against the owners or keepers thereof. Such constables shall receive from the fund derived from said registrations \$1 for each dog so killed.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 79, repealed. Chapter 79 of the private and special laws of 1917, as amended, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This bill would extend to the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Tribe the same power to control the dog population on that reservation as is held by the Penobscot Tribe through a private and special law of 1917. It would also transfer this private and special law to the public laws (Revised Statutes) where it properly belongs.