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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Acts of Cruelty to Animals.

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

R. S., T. 17, § 1091, repealed and replaced. Section 1091 of Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1091. Acts of cruelty

Every person, who overdrives, overloads or overworks, who torments, tortures, maims, wounds or deprives of necessary sustenance, or who cruelly beats, mutilates or kills any horse or other animal or causes the same to be done, or having the charge or custody thereof, as owner or otherwise, fails to provide such animal with proper food, drink, shelter and protection from the weather; every person, owning, or having the charge or custody of any animal, who knowlingly and willfully authorizes or permits the same to suffer tortures or cruelty; and every owner, driver, possessor or person having the custody of an old, mained, disabled or diseased animal, who works the same when unfit for labor or who abandons such animal; and every person who carries or causes to be carried, or has the care of any animal in, upon, or attached to a car or other vehicle or otherwise, in a cruel or inhumane manner shall for every such offense be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment of not more than 11 months, or by both.