

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 334**

H. P. 252

House of Representatives, January 26, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Albert of Limestone.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Payments by the State for Damage  
by Dogs and Wild Animals.

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

R. S., T. 7, § 3652, amended. Section 3652 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of chapter 137 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

Payment by the State under this section shall not exceed \$300 for grade cattle and horses or \$400 for registered cattle and horses. Payment shall not exceed \$30 for grade sheep, goats or swine, or \$50 for registered sheep, goats or swine.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Many states have similar limits because of the increase in the number of claims paid for cases of rabies due to rabid wild animals. Another reason is the difficulty in arriving at a fair price on show horses and registered stock. Many of these animals are worth considerably more than the maximum given above, and due to limited funds being available it would appear that consideration should be given to establishing a limit upon the State's liability.

This action could in the future reduce the number of claims presented to the Legislature.