

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 581

H. P. 395

House of Representatives, February 3, 1971

Speaker laid before the House and on motion of Mr. Evans of Freedom, referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Return Date for Warrants Against Owner or Keeper of
Unlicensed Dogs.**

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

R. S., T. 7, § 3702, amended. The first sentence of section 3702 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 1 of chapter 91 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

The municipal officers of each municipality shall annually within the month of April issue a warrant, returnable on ~~December~~ **October** 15th following, to one or more police officers, constables or sheriff, directing him or them to proceed forthwith to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Experience has proven that December 15, as a date for returns on warrants issued in April, is too close to the next year's licensing date of January 1. The tags, blanks, etc. for the next year are in the hands of the clerks before the present year's business is completed. Section 3402 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes requires that notices be posted 20 days before January 1.