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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 662

House of Representatives, February 17, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Southport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Increase Penalties and Fees under Laws Relating to Dogs.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 3451, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 3451 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 193 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

A fee of ~~\$7~~ \$2 shall be paid the city or town clerk for each license issued on male dogs, and a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$10 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 3451, amended. The 3rd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 3451 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 193 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

When such certificate accompanies the application, a fee of ~~\$7~~ \$2 shall then be paid on such spayed females.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 7, § 3601, amended. Section 3601 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 3601. Dogs running-at-large in area frequented by deer

It shall be unlawful for any dog to roam-at-large in any area frequented by deer from ~~December 1st~~ November 1st of each calendar year to June 30th of the following year.

The owner or keeper of said dog found roaming-at-large shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$20~~ \$25 nor more than ~~\$50~~ \$500.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 7, § 3602, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 3602 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 404 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

The owner or keeper of any dog hunting, chasing, killing, wounding or pursuing any moose, caribou or deer at any time or any other wild animal in closed season shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$25~~ \$50 nor more than ~~\$100~~ \$1,000.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 7, § 3701, amended. Section 3701 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 15 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 3701. Keeping unlicensed dog ; immunized against rabies

Whoever keeps a dog contrary to this chapter and chapters 701, 703 and 711 and sections 3603 to 3605, shall be punished by a fine of not more than ~~\$25~~ \$500 to be recovered by complaint before any District Court.

Whoever keeps a dog that has not been immunized against rabies under section 3451 shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 to be recovered by complaint before any District Court.

Whoever keeps an unlicensed dog that has not been immunized against rabies shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 to be recovered by complaint before any district court.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 7, § 3704, amended. Section 3704 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 3704. Official refusal or neglect of duty

Any mayor, selectman, clerk, constable, police officer or sheriff who refuses or willfully neglects to perform the duties imposed by sections 3401 to 3403, 3451, 3452, 3651 to 3653 and 3701 to 3703 shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$10~~ \$25 nor more than ~~\$50~~ \$500, and costs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this Act is reflected in the title.