

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Control of Dogs.

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

R. S., T. 7, §§ 3454-3457, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding sections 3454 to 3457 to read as follows:

§ 3454. License necessary

No dog shall be kept within the limits of this State unless such dogs shall have been licensed by its owner in accordance with the laws of Maine.

“Owner” means any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

§ 3455. Dogs not to run at large

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog to run at large, except when used for hunting.

“At large” means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person by means of a chain, rope or cord of sufficient strength to control the action of such dog, or such other personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog.

§ 3456. —disposal

Any police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, game warden or constable shall seize, impound or restrain any dog in violation of section 3455 and deliver such dog to any person or shelter authorized to board dogs by the Depart-

ment of Agriculture under section 3406. Such dogs shall be handled as strays and abandoned dogs.

§ 3457. Penalties

Instead of seizing and impounding the dog, the officer, having jurisdiction, may prosecute the owner of any dog running at large, and any person upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to control and regulate dogs.