

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1125

S. P. 337

In Senate, March 19, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Clifford of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Dog Licenses and Dog License Fees.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 3451, 2nd ¶, 4th sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 193, § 3, is further amended to read:

In addition to the amount paid for license and tag, each applicant shall pay the city or town clerk ~~50¢~~ \$1.50 for recording and making a return to the Commissioner of Agriculture, except that a license and tag shall be issued by the city or town clerk, upon application, for any trained guide dog owned or kept by a blind person without payment of any fee required under this section.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 3451, 9th ¶, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 94, § 2, is further amended to read:

When the number of dogs so kept does not exceed 10, the fee for such license shall be \$10 and in addition ~~50¢~~ \$1.50 for each license as a fee for recording and making the return required by law; when the number of dogs so kept exceeds 10, the fee for such license shall be \$20 and in addition ~~50¢~~ \$1.50 for each such license as a fee for recording and making the return required by law.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA § 3702, 2nd sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 681, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The said police officer, constable or sheriff shall, before entering said summons, call on the owner or keeper of said dog and demand that he conform with the law and pay the license fees due and, if the owner pays such license fees, he shall pay in addition a fine of \$10. The officer may demand that he

conform with the law and obtain a license from the clerk within 7 days from the date of demand, paying to the clerk in addition to the license fee a fine of \$10; \$3 of which the clerk shall pay over to the officer, unless said payment is otherwise provided for in the municipal ordinance or charter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

At present the municipalities are not properly compensated for the time and effort in issuing dog licenses, maintaining the records, checking on dog owners and attempting to enforce the dog control law. The additional revenue will compensate the clerk for the work involved and the municipality for enforcement of the law.