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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 351, L.D. 1151, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Statutes Concerning Licensing of Dogs."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

2nd ¶,
'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3451, first and 3rd sentences, as
amended by PL 1965, c. 193, §3, are further amended to read:
'A fee of ~~§1~~ \$1.50 shall be paid the city or town clerk for each
license issued on male dogs, and a fee of ~~§5~~ \$5.50 shall be
paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young.

When such certificate accompanies the application, a fee of ~~§1~~
\$1.50 shall then be paid on such spayed females.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3451, first sentence, 9th ¶, 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~~ \$11 and in addition 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~~ \$21 and in addition 50¢ for each such license
as a fee for recording and making the return required by law.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3702, last sentence, as last repealed
and replaced by PL 1973, c. 681, §2, is amended to read:

The said police officer, constable or sheriff shall, before entering such complaint and obtaining said summons, call on the owner or keeper of said dog and demand that he conform with the law and obtain a license from the clerk within 7 days from the day of demand, paying to the clerk in addition to the license fee, an officer's fee of ~~\$3~~ \$4, 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

The purpose of this amendment is to increase license fees for dogs to reduce the deficit of the Department of Agriculture incurred by the rising costs in licensing dogs and in maintaining stray and abandoned dogs.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture.

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