

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1151

S. P. 351

In Senate, March 20, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Reeves of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Statutes Concerning Licensing of Dogs.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 3451, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 193, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

A fee of \$1.50 shall be paid the city or town clerk for each license issued on male dogs, and a fee of \$5.50 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 3702, first ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 681, § 2, is amended to read:

The municipal officers of each municipality shall annually between January 1st and April ~~30th~~ 1st issue a warrant, returnable on 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. 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 bill is to shorten the period of time in which municipal officers must post a warrant to law enforcement officials concerning unlicensed

dogs, increase the fee paid to a law enforcement officer by the owner of an unlicensed dog for notification that the dog is unlicensed and increase the fees paid to municipalities for certain dog licenses.