

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1399

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H. P. 1119

House of Representatives, March 24, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Faucher of Solon, referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wagner of Orono.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Stray Cats.

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

7 MRSA § 3406, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 242, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 3406. Dogs and cats brought to veterinarian

Any person finding a sick, stray, injured or abandoned dog or cat may take the same to any licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter within the State, who may accept the same, providing such shelter has been approved by the commissioner or his agent. Any licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter accepting such a sick, stray, injured or abandoned dog or cat shall keep the same for a period of 10 days and shall be entitled to receive from the State the sum of \$1.50 per day for such period or part thereof as they shall provide food and shelter, provided such licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter shall notify the clerk of their respective municipality within 24 hours after accepting such a dog or cat, such notice to include a detailed description of the dog or cat and the circumstances of its finding. Upon the expiration of said 10 days, if the owner of the dog or cat has not appeared to claim the same, then said licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter may give away, sell or otherwise humanely dispose of said dog or cat. No dog or cat shall leave any boarding agency until licensed by the person accepting said dog or cat in accordance with section 3451.

Proceeds from any sale shall be deducted from any claim for board made to the State. In the event the owner of such a dog or cat shall appear and claim the dog or cat while still in possession of said keeper, the owner may have and receive the same upon payment of all charges provided for in this

section. All moneys paid by the State to such keeper shall be taken from the fund received from dog licenses.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a means for persons finding a sick, stray, injured or abandoned cat to dispose of it humanely.