

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1630

H. P. 1353

House of Representatives, April 3, 1975

On motion of Mr. Bustin of Augusta, referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mahany of Easton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Dogs.

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

7 MRSA § 3406, 2nd and 3rd sentences, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 242, are further amended to read:

Any licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter accepting such a sick, stray, injured or abandoned dog shall keep the same for a period of ~~10~~ 5 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, such notice to include a detailed description of the dog and the circumstances of its finding. Upon the expiration of said ~~10~~ 5 days if the owner of the dog 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.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will save the State approximately \$40,000 in boarding costs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the retention period for sick, stray, injured or abandoned dogs be reduced from 10 to 5 days. This will save the State approximately \$40,000 in boarding costs. Such fees are paid out of income derived from dog licenses. In recent years such income has not always been sufficient and the Department of Agriculture has had to request additional funds from the Contingency Fund. Savings under this bill will be prorated to the municipalities.