

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1689

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H. P. 1414

House of Representatives, April 7, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Martin of Brunswick.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Establishing Criminal Penalties for the Owners  
of Dogs who Attack Minors.

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

7 MRSA § 3606 is enacted to read:

§ 3606. Assault on minor

The owner of any dog which attacks a minor while the minor is not on the owner's property shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for the first such attack by that dog, and by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 for each subsequent attack by that dog. "Attack," as used in this section means any incident involving physical contact between a dog and a minor which results in the breaking of the minor's skin by the dog.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides a penalty for an attack by a dog on a minor not on the dog owner's property in order to protect children from attacks by dangerous and vicious dogs.