

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 628

H. P. 509

House of Representatives, February 24, 1977

On motion of Mr. Mahany of Easton, referred to Committee on Agriculture.
Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Equalize the Registration Fee on Dogs.

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

7 MRSA § 3451, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 391, § 1, is further amended to read:

A fee of \$1.50 shall be paid the city or town clerk for each license issued on castrated male dogs, and a fee of \$5.50 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young and all uncastrated male dogs. All female dogs shall be considered capable of producing young unless a certificate issued by any licensed veterinarian, or any previous license record, is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating that such female was made incapable of bearing young by spaying by him. When such certificate accompanies the application, a fee of \$1.50 shall then be paid on such spayed females. **All male dogs shall be deemed uncastrated unless a certificate issued by any licensed veterinarian, or any previous license record, is presented from a licensed veterinarian stating that such male was castrated by him.** In addition to the amount paid for license and tag, each applicant shall pay the city or town clerk ~~50¢~~ 50¢ for recording and making a return to the Commissioner of Agriculture, except that a license and tag shall be issued by the city or town clerk, upon application, for any trained guide dog owned or kept by a blind person without payment of any fee required under this section. When any such dog has not been previously registered or licensed by the town or city clerk to whom such application is being made, such town or city clerk shall not register such dog nor issue to the owner or keeper a license and tag therefor unless written evidence shall be exhibited to him that the dog is trained and educated and intended in fact to perform such guide service for such applicant.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would provide for a license fee for uncastrated male dogs of \$5.50. Since male dogs can breed a female many times during a year, this bill would equalize the licensing provisions to increase the fee for those animals who are capable of breeding and producing young.