

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 557

House of Representatives, March 1, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Howe of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Dogs Running at Large.**

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

7 MRSA § 3457, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 45, § 1, is amended to read:

**§ 3457. Penalties**

~~Instead of~~ **In addition** to seizing and impounding the dog, the officer, having jurisdiction, may prosecute the owner of any dog running at large, and any person upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to authorize imposition of a fine in those situations when a dog running at large is impounded. Title 7, section 3455, makes it unlawful for the owner of a dog to permit the dog to run at large. The existing penalty, section 3457, would authorize a fine for this offense only when the dog has not been impounded.