

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 678

H. P. 561

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. Nadeau of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Provide that Humane Shelters Selling or Giving Dogs away must
Notify the Town Clerk of the Sale or Gift.**

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 further amended by adding after the 4th sentence the following new sentence:

When any dog leaves a boarding agency, the licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter shall, within 5 business days after the dog leaves, notify the clerk of the municipality in which the person taking the dog resides, the notice to include a description of the dog and the name and address of the person taking the dog.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that agencies giving away or selling stray dogs must notify the clerk of the municipality in which any person taking a dog resides. This will enable the municipalities to monitor new dogs within the municipality and assist in enforcing licensing laws and other laws concerning dogs.