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H. P. 453

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wyman of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Equalize the License Fees for Dogs.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 3451, 2nd paragraph, first 3 sentences, as amended by PL 1975, c. 391, § 1, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

A fee of \$5 shall be paid the municipal clerk for each license issued for a dog, regardless of sex or sterility.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 3452, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 579, § C-1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Municipal clerks shall issue the licenses, receive the money therefore and pay the same to the commissioner, except as otherwise provided in this section. Of the license fee paid for licensing a dog under section 3451, the municipal clerk shall retain for the municipality \$2.50, which shall remain in a special municipal fund to be used to pay, partially or completely, the salary of one or more dog control officers. The rest of that license fee shall be paid to the commissioner as provided in this section.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA § 3452, 2nd and 3rd sentences, are amended to read:

Such clerks shall keep a record of all licenses issued by them, with the names of the owners or keepers of dogs licensed, and the sex registered numbers and

description of all such dogs. The sex registered number and description shall not be required of dogs covered by a kennel license.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a uniform dog license fee of \$5, regardless of the sex or sterility of the dog. Of this fee, \$2.50 will be retained by the municipality to fund the salary of dog officers, while the other \$2.50 will be paid to the State to help administer and enforce statutes relating to dogs. At the present time, the entire license fee is paid over to the State for this administration and enforcement.