

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 814

H. P. 653

House of Representatives, February 28, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide Funds for Sterilization of Female Dogs.

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

7 MRSA § 3451, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 696, § 104, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph the following new paragraph:

The municipal clerk shall, from each license fee he receives for a female dog capable of bearing young, set aside 25c, which shall be segregated into a fund for canine sterilization. The clerk shall, annually on or before June 30th, forward all moneys accumulated in this fund to the Department of Agriculture, which shall hold all these moneys in a special sterilization fund. The department shall use this fund to carry out a program of sterilization of female dogs throughout the State. This program shall include, but not be limited to, sterilization clinics for female dogs and reimbursements to licensed veterinarians for performing sterilizations of female dogs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that 25c of each \$5.50 fee paid for licensing female dogs capable of bearing young shall go into a special sterilization fund at the Department of Agriculture. This fund shall be used to carry out a program of sterilization of female dogs, which program shall include, but not be limited to, sterilization clinics and veterinarian reimbursements for spaying.