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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 57

In Senate, January 7, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

Cosponsor: Senator Wood of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Remove the Responsibility for Carrying Out Dog Licensing Laws from the Animal Husbandry Specialist.

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

7 MRSA § 3451, 5th \P , as amended by PL 1979, c. 672, Pt. A, § 40, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

All license blanks and tags shall be furnished by the commissioner. The commissioner shall carry out the dog licensing laws, adjust claims for damages to sheep by dogs and wild animals and promote animal husbandry within the State. The expense of furnishing the blanks and tags, the approved claims for damages done to sheep by dogs and the necessary salary, travel and administrative expenses shall be paid from funds received from the licensing of dogs. In addition, the commissioner may use funds received from the licensing of dogs to promote animal husbandry within the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill removes the responsibility of carrying out the dog licensing law from the animal husbandry specialist and assistant animal husbandry specialist. As mandated by the Maine Agricultural Development Act of 1980 these duties will, in the future, be performed by personnel of the Division of Animal Welfare.