

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 183

S. P. 86

In Senate, January 12, 1981

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: Mr. Drinkwater of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Cruelty to Animals.

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

17-A MRSA, § 510, sub-§§ 5 and 6 are enacted to read:

5. Any person convicted a first time of cruelty to an animal shall not own or possess an animal of the same type for a period of one year, any person convicted a 2nd time of cruelty to an animal shall not own or possess an animal of any type for a period of 2 years; any person convicted a 3rd or subsequent time of cruelty to an animal shall not own or possess an animal of any type for the remainder of his life.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a Class E crime; except that, notwithstanding sections 1252 and 1301, he shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 on first offense and to be imprisoned for a period of 30 days; a fine of \$500 on 2nd offense and to be imprisoned for a period of 60 days; a fine of \$1,000 on a 3rd or subsequent offense and to be imprisoned for a period of 90 days.

6. The imposition or execution of any sentence imposed under subsection 5 may not be suspended and probation may not be granted.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to deter continuing animal cruelty by repeat offenders.