

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 404

H. P. 356

House of Representatives, January 22, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'Rourke of Camden.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Direct Payment to Municipalities of Fines Collected under Certain Laws Relating to Animals.

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

7 MRSA § 3705, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt.A, § 77, is further amended to read:

All fines and forfeitures imposed shall be paid into the treasury of the county ~~where the offense is committed and shall be transmitted by the county treasurer to the treasurer of the~~ municipality where the offense or violation is committed unless otherwise provided.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently the fines collected for violations of certain laws relating to animals, for example, keeping an unlicensed dog, are paid into the county treasury. The county treasurer then transmits the money to the municipality where the offense occurred. This bill eliminates the unnecessary pass-through and provides for direct payment to the municipality.