

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 668**

H. P. 590

House of Representatives, February 5, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Boyce of Auburn.

Cosponsors: Representative Pouliot of Lewiston, Representative McSweeney of Old Orchard Beach and Representative Michael of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Provide for Licensing of Dog Groomers and Grooming Shops.**

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

7 MRSA c. 717 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 717**

**DOG GROOMING FACILITIES**

**§ 4001. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. **Grooming facility.** "Grooming facility" means any place other than a commercial kennel maintained as a business where grooming dogs is conducted.

**§ 4002. Licensing of dog grooming facilities**

1. **License required.** No person may engage in the business of grooming dogs or maintain a grooming facility unless that person has obtained from the commissioner a license to groom dogs or to maintain a grooming facility.

2. **Application.** Application for a license shall be made in writing to the commissioner on the form prescribed by him.

3. **Fee.** The fee for a license is \$10 payable at the time of application.
4. **Issuance.** If the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has complied with the provisions of this chapter and all regulations promulgated by him under this chapter, he shall issue a license to the applicant.
5. **Expiration.** Each license granted under this chapter shall expire on December 31st of the year in which it is issued.
6. **Renewals.** Licenses may be renewed annually upon payment of a renewal fee of \$10.
7. **Disposal of fees.** All fees received under this chapter shall be paid by the commissioner to the Treasurer of State to be used for carrying out this chapter. Any balance of these fees shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purposes.

#### § 4003. Regulations

The commissioner may, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act, Title 5, chapter 375, promulgate regulations concerning sanitation, disease and humane treatment of animals by groomers and in grooming facilities. Any person licensed under this chapter or applying for a license under this chapter shall comply with those regulations.

#### § 4004. Inspection

The commissioner may, at any time, inspect or cause to be inspected by his agents any grooming facility and if, in his judgment, the grooming facility is not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner or, if he finds that contagion, infections, communicable diseases or other unsatisfactory conditions exist, he may issue such orders as he deems necessary for the correction of the conditions and may quarantine the premises and animals. If the owner or groomer fails to comply with the regulations or orders of the commissioner, or fails to comply with any provision of the statutes or regulations relating to dogs or other animals, the license of that person may be revoked in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act, Title 5, chapter 375.

#### § 4005. Violations

Any person maintaining a grooming facility without having a valid license or any person who violates this chapter or any regulations promulgated under this chapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$50 may be adjudged.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the licensing of dog groomers and dog grooming facilities. This will help insure the welfare of the animals being groomed and the consumers who use the services of groomers and grooming facilities.