

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 717

House of Representatives, February 13, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Strout of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Pertaining to Willful Killing and Injuring of Police Dogs and to Licensing Fees for Police Dogs.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 3404 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Whoever knowingly or intentionally kills, torments, beats, kicks, strikes, mutilates, injures, disables or otherwise mistreats, dogs owned by any law enforcement agency within the State, counties or municipalities of this State, or any of their political subdivisions, or any such dogs engaged by any of those law enforcement agencies, or whoever, knowingly or intentionally by any action whatsoever, interferes with the lawful performance of such dogs is guilty of a Class D crime.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 3451, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 731, § 19, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Any law enforcement agency within the State, counties or municipalities, of this State, owning such dogs for law enforcement purposes shall be required to license the dogs in the town they are domiciled, but shall be exempt from any license fee provided all other licensing requirements are fulfilled.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA § 3454, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 45, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Any law enforcement agency within the State, counties or municipalities, of this State, owning such dogs for law enforcement purposes shall be required to license the dogs in the town they are domiciled, but shall be exempt from any license fee, provided all other licensing requirements are fulfilled.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purposes of this bill are:

1. To make knowingly or intentionally killing or injuring a police dog a Class D crime; and
2. To exempt police dogs from the license fee under the dog licensing statutes.