

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 119

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7 H.P. 112

House of Representatives, January 6, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and
9 ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Willey of Hampden.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Fees and Costs
18 Under the Dog Control Laws.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3452-B, as enacted by PL 1979,
23 c. 492, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in
24 its place:

25 §3452-B. Use of fees retained by municipality

26 All fees retained by a municipality shall be kept
27 in a separate account and shall be used to pay costs
28 and salaries for animal control and enforcement of
29 licensing laws or to support one or more approved
30 humane societies, shelters or municipal or regional
31 shelters. All fees retained shall be kept in a sep-
32 arate account. Any money not expended for these pur-
33 poses shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to
34 the next fiscal year.

1 For the purposes of this section, animal control
2 means control of dogs, cats, small pets or
3 undomesticated animals which may be a problem in the
4 community and which are not controlled by any other
5 statute.

6 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3459 is enacted to read:

7 §3459. Responsibility for payment of impoundment and
8 other fees

9 When any dog is impounded and the identity of the
10 owner of the dog can be determined by license
11 numbers, certified rabies tag numbers or other posi-
12 tive proof, that owner shall, when properly notified,
13 be responsible for payment of all impoundment fees,
14 fees for distemper shots and all kennel fees.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purposes of this bill are:

17 1. To give animal control officers more funds to
18 improve over-all animal control within the State by
19 including impoundment fees, kennel fees, shot fees,
20 vet fees and other fees in with license fees that are
21 retained by a municipality; and

22 2. To provide that if the identity of an owner
23 of an impounded dog can be determined, that owner
24 will be responsible for paying all impoundment fees,
25 distemper shot fees and kennel fees for that dog.

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