

# 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

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7 H.P. 239

House of Representatives, January 26, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on January 26, 1983. Referred to the  
9 Committee on Agriculture, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Drinkwater of Belfast.  
12 Cosponsor: Representative Stevenson of Unity.

13 STATE OF MAINE

14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Concerning Cruelty to Animals.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

21 17-A MRSA §510, sub-§§5 and 6 are enacted to  
22 read:

23 5. Any person convicted a first time of cruelty  
24 to an animal shall not own or possess an animal of  
25 the same species for a period of one year. Any person  
26 convicted a 2nd time of cruelty to an animal shall  
27 not own or possess an animal of any species for a  
28 period of 2 years. Any person convicted a 3rd or  
29 subsequent time of cruelty to an animal shall not own  
30 or possess an animal of any species for the remainder  
31 of his life; except that, for a first offense, no  
32 person may be deprived of animals that comprise his  
33 livelihood.

1 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this  
2 subsection is guilty of a Class D crime and shall be  
3 sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 for a first offense  
4 or be imprisoned for a period of 30 days; a fine of  
5 \$500 for a 2nd offense or be imprisoned for a period  
6 of 60 days; a fine of \$1,000 for a 3rd or subsequent  
7 offense or be imprisoned for a period of 90 days.

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

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

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

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