

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 457

H.P. 354 House of Representatives, February 20, 1987.  
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government  
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative RACINE of Biddeford.

Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Cumberland and  
Representative KIMBALL of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Delinquent Dog Licenses.

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

7 MRSA §3702, as amended by PL 1979, c. 492, §11,  
is further amended to read:

§3702. Warrants; disposal

The municipal officers of each municipality shall  
annually between January 1st and April 30th issue a  
warrant, returnable on October 15th following, to one  
or more police officers, constables, sheriff or ani-  
mal control officer, directing him or them to proceed  
~~forthwith~~ immediately to enter complaint and summons  
to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog.  
The police officer, constable, sheriff or animal con-

1 trol officer shall, before entering such complaint  
2 and obtaining the summons, call on the owner or keep-  
3 er of the dog, or send notice of the violation of law  
4 by certified mail to the owner's or keeper's last  
5 known address, and demand that he conform with the  
6 law and obtain a license from the clerk within 7 days  
7 from the day of demand, paying to the clerk in addi-  
8 tion to the license fee, an officer's fee of \$4,  
9 which the clerk shall pay over to the officer, unless  
10 the payment is otherwise provided for in the municipi-  
11 pal ordinance or charter.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This bill allows a municipal official enforcing  
14 the dog licensing law to notify a person by certified  
15 mail of a violation rather than requiring that the  
16 official personally call on the owner or keeper of  
17 the dog.

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