

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 451

House of Representatives, March 6, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan.

Cosponsored by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo, Senator CARPENTER of York and Representative ALIBERTI of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act Relating to Abandoned Dogs.

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

3 7 MRSA §3913-A is enacted to read:

5 §3913-A. Expedited procedures for abandoned dogs

7 A shelter may sell or give away an abandoned dog in  
9 accordance with the provisions of this section before the  
11 expiration of the 8-day waiting period in section 3913, provided  
13 that:

15 1. License. A license is first obtained in accordance with  
17 section 3922; and

19 2. Abandonment. The dog was:

21 A. Found in a public place and the shelter has reasonable  
23 grounds to believe the dog was intentionally left there;

25 B. Discovered in or near a domicile vacated by the dog's  
27 owner; or

29 C. Owned by a person who has indicated, orally or in  
31 writing, that the person has abandoned the dog.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill eliminates the 8-day waiting period that a shelter must wait before a dog which has been obviously abandoned can be sold or given away.