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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 932, L.D. 1352, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Fees for Dog Licenses"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Increase the Late Fee for Dog Licenses'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3943, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §3, is amended to read:

1. Procedure. Between January 1st and April 30th annually, the municipal officers of each municipality shall issue a warrant with the names and addresses of all owners or keepers of unlicensed dogs to one or more police officers, constables, sheriffs or animal control officers, directing them to send a notice of violation by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last-known address of the owners or keepers or call on the owners or keepers. The warrant shall must further direct that demand be made on the owners or keepers to obtain a license from the municipal clerk within 7 days from the date of demand and remit to the clerk the license and recording fees plus a late fee of ~~-\$4~~ \$6. Finally, the warrant shall must direct the police officer, constable, sheriff or animal control officer to enter summons and complaint as soon as possible for all owners or keepers so notified who fail to comply with the order.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3943, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §3, is amended to read:

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2 A. The municipal clerk shall deposit the ~~-\$4~~ \$6 late fee  
collected from all dog owners and keepers in a separate  
4 account pursuant to section 3945.'

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8 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

10 This amendment replaces the original bill. Instead of  
raising registration fees as proposed in the original bill, it  
12 increases the additional fee charged for late registrations from  
\$4 to \$6. The purpose of this change is to encourage  
14 registration.

Reported by the Committee on Agriculture  
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