

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 932

House of Representatives, March 28, 1991

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 RUHLIN of Brewer.

Cosponsored by Representative TUPPER of Orrington, Representative MORRISON of Bangor and Senator BOST of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Increase the Fees for Dog Licenses.



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

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3 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3923, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
4 383, §3, is amended to read:

6 A. A fee of ~~\$5.50~~ \$11 must be paid to the municipal
7 clerk for each license on all dogs 6 months of age or older
8 capable of producing young. All dogs ~~shall--be~~ are
9 considered capable of producing young, unless:

10 (1) A veterinarian issues a written certificate
11 stating that he the veterinarian made the dog incapable
12 of producing young by spaying, if female, or by
13 sterilization, if male;

14 (2) A veterinarian issues a written certificate that,
15 upon his examination, the dog is incapable of producing
16 young; or

17 (3) By previous registration, the owner has declared
18 that the dog is incapable of producing young.

19 When such certificate or registration accompanies the
20 application, a fee of ~~\$2~~ \$5 must be paid for each
21 license ~~and kept by the municipality in accordance with~~
22 ~~section 3945;~~ and

23 Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3923, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

24 1-A. Distribution of fees. Notwithstanding section 3945,
25 fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 must be allocated as
26 follows:

27 A. For dogs capable of producing young, \$1 to the clerk; \$6
28 to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;
29 and \$4 to the animal control officer appointed by the
30 municipality, except that if the municipality has no animal
31 control officer, that portion is retained by the clerk; and

32 B. For dogs certified as incapable of producing young, \$1
33 to the clerk and \$4 to the animal control officer appointed
34 by the municipality, except that if the municipality has no
35 animal control officer, that portion is retained by the
36 clerk.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill doubles fees for licensing dogs and allocates the
6 increased fee among the municipal clerk, the animal control
officer and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources.