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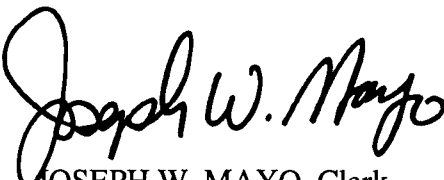
No. 150

H.P. 115

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

An Act to Increase Dog License Agent Fees for Municipal Clerks.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENEDIKT of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, LABRECQUE of Gorham.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3923-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 657, §23, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Dogs capable of producing young.** A dog owner or keeper shall pay a fee of ~~\$7.50~~ \$7.75 to the municipal clerk for each dog 6 months of age or older and capable of producing young. A dog is considered capable of producing young unless certification under subsection 2 is provided.

10 The clerk shall retain ~~\$1~~ \$1.25 as a recording fee and pay the remaining \$6.50 to the department for deposit in the Animal Welfare Fund.

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16 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3923-A, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 468, §12, is amended to read:

18 **2. Dogs incapable of producing young.** A dog owner shall pay a fee of ~~\$4~~ \$4.25 to the municipal clerk for each dog 6 months of age or older and incapable of producing young. A dog is considered incapable of producing young when the owner provides the following:

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24 A. A written certificate issued by a veterinarian stating that the veterinarian has neutered the dog;

26 B. A written certificate issued by a veterinarian stating that the veterinarian has examined the dog and determined that the dog is incapable of producing young; or

28 C. A previous license stating that the dog is incapable of producing young.

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34 The clerk shall retain ~~\$1~~ \$1.25 as a recording fee, deposit \$1 in the municipality's animal welfare account established in accordance with section 3945 and pay the remaining \$2 to the department for deposit in the Animal Welfare Fund.

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40 **Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3923-B, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 657, §25, is further amended to read:

42 **1. Dog tags.** The municipal clerk shall provide with each new license issued under section 3923-A a dog tag, indicating the year the license is issued and bearing other information prescribed by the department, and a sticker, indicating the year the license is issued, which must be attached to the back of the dog tag. The dog tag remains with the dog for as long as the dog is kept in the licensing municipality. The owner or keeper shall make sure that the tag is securely attached to a collar of leather, metal or material of comparable strength and that the

2 collar is worn at all times by the dog for which the license was
issued, except as provided in subsection 3.

4 If a sticker and tag is lost or the owner has moved to a
different municipality, the owner or keeper of the dog shall
6 obtain a new license, tag and sticker. The municipal clerk shall
issue another license, tag and sticker upon presentation of the
8 original license and payment of ~~\$1~~ \$1.25. The clerk shall retain
the ~~\$1~~ \$1.25 for a recording fee.

10 **Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3923-C, sub-§2, ¶¶A and B**, as enacted by PL
12 1992, c. 657, §27, are amended to read:

14 A. When the number of dogs kept over 6 months of age does
not exceed 10, the fee for licensure of the kennel is \$20
16 and, in addition, ~~\$1~~ \$1.25 for each license as a fee for the
recording and making the monthly report required by the
18 department.

20 B. When the number of dogs kept over 6 months of age
exceeds 10, the fee for licensure of the kennel is \$40 and,
22 in addition, ~~\$1~~ \$1.25 for each license as a fee for the
recording and making the monthly report required by the
24 department.

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28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This bill raises from \$1.00 to \$1.25 the fee for a dog
license that clerks charge for municipal recording fees.