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House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

An Act to Repeal the Laws That Pertain to the Licensing of Dogs.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot. (By Request)

2	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
4	Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-\$1, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
4	779, §9, is repealed.
6	Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 779, §9, is amended to read:
8	2. Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit all
10	license fees received pursuant to chapters 719, 721, 723, 725 and 743 in a separate account established by the Treasurer of
12	State and known as the Animal Welfare Fund. This account does not lapse, but continues from year to year. The commissioner
14	shall pay from the Animal Welfare Fund the expense of furnishing blanks and tags, travel expenses and salaries for necessary
16	personnel, payments to shelters and expenses incurred in the administration of this Part.
18	Sec. 3. 7 MDSA 83013 sub-83 ffC as amonded by DI 1001 a
20	Sec. 3. 7 MRSA $\S3913$, sub- $\S3$, \P C, as amended by PL 1991, c. 779, $\S22$, is further amended to read:
22	C. If the owner claims the dog within the 6-day period, the owner may have and receive the dog upon payment of all
24	department-approved fees as provided in subsection 2-A, the municipal impoundment fee and actual fees incurred for food,
26.	shelter, veterinary care and any other fees required by this chapter for each day that the dog has been sheltered, provided that the dog is licensed in accordance with chapter
	721.
30	Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3913, sub-§4, ¶A, as amended by PL 1993, c.
32	657, §17, is further amended to read:
34	A. Sell or give away the dog, but not to a research facility, -if-a-license-is-first-obtained-in-accordance-with
3.6	ehapter-721; or
38	Sec. 5. 7 MRSA c. 721, as amended, is repealed.
40	Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §3939, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 657, §37, is repealed.
42	Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §3941, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §3, is
44	amended to read:
46	§3941. Posting of law

Municipal clerks, annually, at least 20 days before January 1st, shall post copies of chapters—7-2-1--and chapter 723 and of this chapter in the usual places for posting notices of the

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annual municipal elections.

affected by §52, is repealed. Sec. 9. 7 MRSA §3943, as amended by PL 1995, c. 490, § 13, is repealed. Sec. 10. 7 MRSA §3944, as amended by PL 1993, c. 657, further amended to read: \$\frac{\\$3944. \text{ Issuance of kennel licenses}}{\} Municipal clerks and dog recorders shall issue licenses to kennel owners or operators in accordance sections 3923-G-and section 3935.	§38, is
Sec. 10. 7 MRSA §3944, as amended by PL 1993, c. 657, further amended to read: [10] \$3944. Issuance of kennel licenses [12] Municipal clerks and dog recorders shall issue [14] licenses to kennel owners or operators in accordance sections—3923—G—and section 3935.	§38, is
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Sec. 11. 7 MRSA §3946, as amended by PL 1995, c. 490, repealed.	§15, is
Sec. 12. 7 MRSA §3947, first ¶, as amended by PL 1993, §15, is further amended to read:	c. 468,
Each municipality shall appoint one or more animal officers whose duties are enforcement of sections 3911 3921,-3924,-3943, 3948, 3950, 3950-A and 3966 to 3970, res to reports of animals suspected of having rabies in acc with Title 22, sections 1313 and 1313-A and such other du control animals as the municipality may require.	, 3912, sponding cordance
Sec. 13. 7 MRSA §3950-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 1 557, §2, further amended to read:	995, c.
Any mayor, municipal officer, clerk, town or city n administrative assistant to the mayor, town or city cou dog recorder of unorganized territories, constable,	uncilor,
officer, sheriff or animal control officer who refu intentionally fails to perform the duties imposed by o	uses or chapters
719, 720, 721, 725 and 730 and by this chapter commits violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$10 n	
40 than \$50 and costs may be adjudged.	
42 44 SUMMARY	
This bill repeals the laws that require the licen	sing of
dogs.	-