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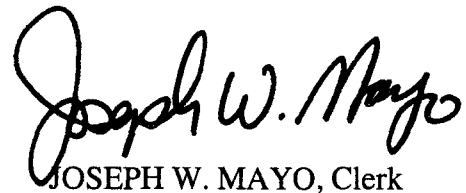
No. 682

H.P. 475

House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

An Act to Increase the Late Fee for Licensing a Dog.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KASPRZAK of Newport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3943, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 690,
5 §26, is further amended to read:

6 1. **Procedure.** Between February 1st and April 1st annually,
7 the municipal officers of each municipality shall issue a warrant
8 with the names and addresses of all owners or keepers of
9 unlicensed dogs to one or more police officers, constables,
10 sheriffs or animal control officers, directing them to send a
11 notice of violation to the last known address of the owners or
12 keepers or call on the owners or keepers. The warrant must
13 further direct that demand be made on the owners or keepers to
14 obtain a license from the municipal clerk within 7 days from the
15 date of demand and remit to the clerk the license and recording
16 fees plus a late fee of ~~\$3~~ **\$10** for each dog that is licensed. ~~If~~
17 ~~the--license--and--recording--fees--are--remitted--after--the--7--day~~
18 ~~period,--the--owners--or--keepers--must--remit--a--late--fee--of--\$10--for~~
19 ~~each--dog--that--is--licensed.~~ Finally, the warrant must direct the
20 police officer, constable, sheriff or animal control officer to
21 enter summons and complaint as soon as possible for all owners or
22 keepers so notified who fail to comply with the order.

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25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill increases the late fee for licensing a dog from \$3
27 to \$10.
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