

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



DATE: April 30, 2001

(Filing No. S- 78 )

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

Reported by:

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.

**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 189, L.D. 661, Bill, "An Act to Make An Owner Responsible for a Person's Injuries Caused by a Dog"

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

**'An Act to Make an Owner Responsible for Injuries Caused by a Dog'**

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3961.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 15 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Injuries by dog. Notwithstanding subsection 1, when a dog injures a person who is not on the owner's or keeper's premises at the time of the injury, the owner or keeper of the dog is liable in a civil action to the person injured for the amount of the damages. Any fault on the part of the person injured may not reduce the damages recovered for physical injury to that person unless the court determines that the fault of the person injured exceeded the fault of the dog's keeper or owner.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3961-A is enacted to read:**

**§3961-A. Attack on service dog**

A person who owns or keeps a dog that attacks, injures or kills a service dog while the service dog is in discharge of its duties commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

