

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 790

S.P. 225

In Senate, February 13, 2001

**An Act to Make Assault with a Dangerous Dog a Crime and to Allow a Court to Impose Restitution to the Victim.**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.  
Cosponsored by Representative LESSARD of Topsham and  
Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, KNEELAND of Aroostook, Representatives: CLARK of  
Millinocket, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §213** is enacted to read:

6 **§213. Assault with dangerous dog**

8 1. A person is guilty of assault with a dangerous dog if  
10 the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily  
12 injury or offensive physical contact to another person with a dog.

14 2. For a person convicted under this section, a court must  
16 make an inquiry under chapter 54 as part of the sentencing and  
18 order restitution for any financial damage to the defendant.

20 3. Assault with a dangerous dog is a Class D offense.

22 **SUMMARY**

This bill creates the criminal offense of assault with a dangerous dog and requires the court to impose restitution during the sentencing of a person convicted of the offense if the victim suffered any financial damage.