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House of Representatives, January 30, 2003

An Act To Strengthen the Animal Control Laws

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HUTTON of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator HATCH of Somerset and
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, DUDLEY of Portland, EDER of Portland,
GROSE of Woolwich, LESSARD of Topsham, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, PINEAU of Jay,
Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

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

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Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3915, as amended by PL 2001, c. 13, §1, is further amended to read:

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§3915. Violation

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Any person who violates this chapter commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than ~~\$50~~ \$150 nor more than ~~\$250~~ \$300 may be adjudged for a first violation and not less than ~~\$100~~ \$200 nor more than ~~\$500~~ \$600 for 2 or more violations.

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Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3952, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1999, c 350, §2, is amended to read:

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A person who owns or keeps a dangerous dog commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000, plus costs, may be adjudged.

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SUMMARY

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This bill increases the minimum and maximum allowable fines for violation of the uncontrolled dogs laws. The bill also adds a minimum fine of \$250 for keeping a dangerous dog.

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