

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 680

House of Representatives, March 12, 2009

### **An Act To Increase the Penalty for Keeping a Dangerous Dog That Harms a Domesticated Animal**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative McFADDEN of Dennysville. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and  
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, EDGECOMB of Caribou, GIFFORD of Lincoln, PRATT  
of Eddington, SAVIELLO of Wilton, THIBODEAU of Winterport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3952, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 690, §35, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. Order the dog to be ~~ethanatized~~ ethanized if it has killed, maimed or inflicted  
5 serious bodily injury upon a person or a domesticated animal or has a history of a  
6 prior assault.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill allows a court to order that a dangerous dog be euthanized if that dog has  
9 killed, maimed or inflicted serious bodily injury upon a domesticated animal.