

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 150, L.D. 485, Bill, "An Act To Require an Owner of a Dangerous Dog To Remain at the Scene of an Assault by the Dog"

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

'An Act Regarding Actions of the Owner or Keeper of a Dog That Assaults a Person and Causes an Injury That Requires Medical Attention'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3955 is enacted to read:

§3955. Leaving the scene of an assault by a dog that causes an injury that requires medical attention for a person

1. Required actions by owner or keeper. The owner or keeper of a dog that assaults a person and causes an injury that requires medical attention shall comply with the requirements of this section before leaving the scene of the assault:

A. The owner or keeper shall secure aid for the injured person, including, as appropriate, securing medical assistance and reporting the assault to the local law enforcement agency;

B. After securing aid for the injured person, the owner or keeper may leave the scene on a temporary basis in order to contain the dog that assaulted the person; and

C. After securing aid for the injured person and containing the dog that assaulted the person, the owner or keeper shall provide the owner's or keeper's name, current address and contact information to the injured person, a person acting for the injured person or a law enforcement officer.

2. Violation. A violation of this section is a Class D crime.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and provides a new title. The amendment requires the owner or keeper of a dog that assaults a person and causes an injury that requires medical attention to secure aid for the injured person, contain the dog, if necessary, and provide the owner's or keeper's name, current address and contact information to the injured person, a person acting for the injured person or a law enforcement officer before the owner or keeper may leave the scene of the assault. A violation of the section is a Class D crime.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 485

LR 179(02)

An Act To Require an Owner of a Dangerous Dog To Remain at the Scene of an Assault by the Dog

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-105)
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class D crimes.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.