

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Fifty-Seventh Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 35.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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The Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred the petition of Edwin S. Stevens and others, praying that chapter two hundred of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven be repealed, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a bill, which is herewith submitted, entitled "An Act to repeal chapter two hundred of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled an act additional to chapter thirty of the revised statutes, relating to mischievous dogs."

Per order.

LLOYD W. DRAKE.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT.

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[S. 49.] AN ACT to repeal chapter two hundred of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled “an act additional to chapter thirty of the revised statutes, relating to mischievous dogs.”

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred of the public laws 2 of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven is hereby re- 3 pealed, and all acts and parts of acts repealed by said 4 chapter two hundred are hereby revived and re-enacted.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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The minority of the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred the order of the Legislature relating to mischievous dogs, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the accompanying bill, "An Act to amend chapter two hundred of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, relating to mischievous dogs."

Per order.

RUFUS PRINCE.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT.

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[S. 61.] AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, relating to mischievous dogs.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Every owner or keeper of a dog more  
2 than six months old, shall, in the month of April,  
3 annually, cause it to be registered, described and  
4 licensed for one year in the office of the city, town or  
5 plantation clerk, wherein he resides, and pay therefor  
6 to said clerk the sum of one dollar and twenty cents,  
7 and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar  
8 distinctly marked with the owner or keeper's name.

SECT. 2. The clerk of each city, town or plantation  
2 shall keep a true record of all dogs licensed under this  
3 act, and pay to the treasurer of said city, town or  
4 plantation, one dollar for each dog so licensed.

SECT. 3. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of this act shall forfeit ten dollars, to be recovered on complaint, one-half to the use of the complainant and one-half to the use of the city, town or plantation wherein such dog is kept, and any person may, and every police officer and constable shall kill or cause to be killed or destroyed, all dogs going at large and not licensed and collared according to the provisions of this act, and any such police officer or constable shall be subject to a fine of five dollars for knowingly and willfully refusing or neglecting to kill such dogs ; and such officers, when not otherwise paid for their services, shall receive from the treasury of such city, town or plantation, one dollar for each dog so destroyed.

SECT. 4. Whoever suffers loss by reason of the worrying, maiming or killing of his sheep, lambs or other domestic animals by dogs, may, within thirty days after he knows of such loss, present proof thereof to the municipal officers of the city, town or plantation wherein the damage is done, and upon satisfactory proof being made said municipal officers shall cause to be paid from the treasury of said city, town or plantation, the amount of such loss, and the treasurer of any town, city or plantation may recover, for the use

11 of said town, city or plantation, from the keeper or  
12 owner of any dog concerned in doing the damage, the  
13 full amount thereof with costs.

SECT. 5. All monies remaining in the treasuries of  
2 any city, town or plantation that has been received  
3 under the provisions of the act of which this act is  
4 amendatory, shall be appropriated for such uses as the  
5 municipal officers thereof shall direct.

SECT. 6. Section one, two, three and five of chap-  
2 ter two hundred of the laws of eighteen hundred and  
3 seventy-seven are hereby repealed.

RUFUS PRINCE,  
E. E. PARKHURST,  
J. W. EATON,  
CLARK R. COLE.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 5, 1878.

Pending the motion by Mr. PRINCE of Androscoggin, to amend the report of the majority, by substituting therefor the report of the minority, on motion by the same Senator, ORDERED, That the reports lie on the table and be printed with the accompanying bills.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*