

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 139.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT requiring a License on Dogs.

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

SECTION 1. Every owner or keeper of a dog
2 shall annually cause it to be registered, described,
3 and licensed for one year, in the office of the city
4 or town clerk wherein he resides, by paying there-
5 for, to said clerk, the sum of twenty cents; and
6 shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar dis-
7 tinctly marked with the owner's name and regis-
8 tered number, and shall pay into the treasury of
9 the city or town, for such license, one dollar for a
10 male dog and two dollars for a female dog.

SECT. 2. The treasurer of the town shall keep
2 an accurate and separate account of all money re-
3 ceived and paid out under the provisions of this
4 act.

SECT. 3. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the
2 provisions of this act shall forfeit ten dollars, to be
3 recovered on complaint, to the use of the city or
4 town wherein the dog is kept.

SECT. 4. Whoever wrongfully removes the collar
2 from or steals a dog licensed and collared as afore-
3 said, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding
4 twenty dollars; and whoever wrongfully kills,
5 maims, entices or carries away such a dog, shall be
6 liable to the owner for its value.

SECT. 5. Whoever suffers loss by reason of the
2 worrying, maiming or killing of his sheep, lambs
3 or other domestic animals by dogs may, within
4 thirty days after he knows of such loss, present
5 proof thereof to the mayor or selectmen of the city
6 or town wherein the damage is done, and there-
7 upon said officers shall draw a conditional order,
8 in favor of the owner, upon the treasurer of said
9 city or town, for the amount of such loss. The
10 treasurer shall register such orders at the time of
11 their presentation, and annually, on the first day of
12 January, pay them in full, if the amount received

13 by his city or town under the provisions of this
14 act is sufficient therefor; otherwise, he shall divide
15 such amount pro rata among such orders in full dis-
16 charge thereof. After such order has been drawn,
17 the city or town may recover, against the owner or
18 keeper of any dog concerned in doing the damage,
19 the full amount thereof.

SECT. 6. All fines and penalties provided in the
2 preceding sections may be recovered on complaint
3 before any court of competent jurisdiction in the
4 county where the offence is committed.

SECT. 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent
2 with the foregoing are hereby repealed.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 18, 1887. }

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.