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No. 26.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section forty-five of chapter one hundred twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of officers and agents in the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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

Section forty-five of chapter one hundred twenty-four of 2 the Revised Statutes is hereby amended, so that the same 3 shall read as follows:

'Section 45. It shall be the duty of sheriffs, deputy 5 sheriffs, police officers, constables, and agents appointed 6 under the provisions of section forty-six of this chapter, 7 to investigate all cases of cruelty to animals coming to

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8 their knowledge, and to cause offenders to be prosecuted in 9 all cases in which the offence may appear to be of a suffi-10 ciently aggravated nature to require prosecution, and all 11 fines imposed for the punishment of such offences, shall be 12 paid over to the county treasurer of the county in which 13 the offence may have been committed. For their travel 14 and services, in conducting such investigations, such agents 15 shall be paid, by the county in which such services are 16 rendered, the same fees as are now allowed officers by law 17 for the service of a warrant for arrest; *provided*, *however*, 18 that all claims of such agents for such travel and services 19 shall first be audited and approved by the county commis-20 sioners of the county liable to pay the same.'

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House of Representatives, January 24, 1895.

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.