

# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

#### HOUSE.

No. 154.

## STATE OF MAINE.

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act for the Better Protection of Sheep."

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

Section I. Section two of chapter two hundred and 2 eighty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and 3 ninety-three is hereby amended by striking out the words 4 "dogs covered by the kennel license shall be excepted from 5 the provisions of this section, requiring registration, num-6 bering or collaring," from the end of said section, so that

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7 said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Section 2. Every owner or keeper of a dog more than 9 four months old shall annually, before the first day of April, 10 cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed 11 for one year from the first day of April, in the office of the 12 clerk of the city, town or plantation where said dog is kept, 13 and shall keep around its neck a collar, distinctly marked 14 with the owner's name and its registered number, and shall 15 pay to said clerk for a license the sum of one dollar and 16 fifteen cents for each male dog, and three dollars and fifteen 17 cents for each female dog, and a person becoming the 18 owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of April, not 19 duly licensed, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, 20 described and licensed as provided above. Every owner 21 or keeper of dogs, kept for breeding purposes, may receive 22 annually a special kennel license authorizing him to keep 23 such dogs for said purpose. When the number of dogs 24 so kept does not exceed ten, the fee for such license shall 25 be ten dollars, when the number of dogs so kept exceeds 26 ten, the fee for such license shall be twenty dollars, and no 27 fee shall be required for the dogs of such owner or keeper 28 under the age of six months.'

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 25, 1897.

Reported by Mr. HOLBROOK of Brunswick, from Committee on Agriculture, and ordered printed under joint rules.

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.