

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 193.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of
the Public Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
three, relating to the better protection of sheep.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and
2 eighty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and
3 ninety-three is hereby amended by adding to said section
4 the words 'And make a return to the State treasurer of said
5 lists and also of the number of dogs killed as required by
6 section seven of this act, on or before the fifteenth day of
7 July following: and if any city, or town shall fail to return

8 to the State treasurer on or before September first of each
9 year a sum of money equal to the license required by this
10 act, on all dogs living on the first day of July preceding,
11 such deficiency shall be added to the State tax of such delin-
12 quent city, or town for the following year,' so that said
13 section shall read as follows:

'Section 1. Assessors of cities, towns and plantations shall
15 include in their inventories, lists of all dogs owned by or in
16 possession of any inhabitant on the first day of April, setting
17 the number and sex thereof opposite the names of their
18 respective owners or persons in whose possession the same
19 are found, and make a return to the State treasurer of said
20 lists and also of the number of dogs killed as required by
21 section seven of this act, on or before the fifteenth day of
22 July following: and if any city, or town shall fail to return
23 to the State treasurer on or before September first of each
24 year a sum of money equal to the license required by this act,
25 on all dogs living on the first day of July preceding, such
26 deficiency shall be added to the State tax of such delinquent
27 city, or town for the following year.'

Sect. 2. Section two of said chapter is hereby amended
2 by inserting after the words "ten dollars," and after the
3 words "twenty dollars," where they appear in said section,
4 the words, 'and fifteen cents,' so that said section shall read
5 as follows:

'Section 2. Every owner or keeper of a dog more than
7 four months old shall annually, before the first day of April,
8 cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed

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

Sect. 3. Section fourteen of said chapter is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end thereof the words, 'Provided,
3 however, that the amount to be refunded to such planta-
4 tions as are taxed as wild land shall be paid direct to the
5 plantation treasurer instead of being credited on State tax,'
6 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 14. All money received by the State treasurer
8 as provided in section three of this act and remaining

9 unexpended at the end of the year shall be credited to the
10 several cities, towns and plantations upon their State tax in
11 proportion to the amount each has paid into the treasury
12 under the provisions of this act; provided, however, that
13 the amount to be refunded to such plantations as are taxed
14 as wild land shall be paid direct to the plantation treasurer
15 instead of being credited on State tax.' ^A

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 19, 1897.

Reported by Mr. MERRILL, from Committee on Agriculture, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*