

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 284

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT amendatory of section two of chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three as amended by chapter thirty-three of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and one, relating to 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 eighty-2 seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-3 three as amended by chapter thirty-three of the Public Laws 4 of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and chapter one hun-5 dred and sixty-three of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred 6 and one, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 7 "keeper" in the first line the words 'upon the first day of

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8 April', and by striking out the word "first" in the second line 9 and adding in place thereof the word 'tenth,' and by striking 10 out the word "from" in said second line and inserting in place 11 thereof the words 'commencing with,' and by inserting after 12 the word "of" in the second line the word 'said,' and by 13 inserting after the word "of" as it first appears in the fourth 14 line the word 'said,' and by inserting after the word 15 "licensed" in the twelfth line the words 'as required herein' 16 and by inserting after the word "shall" in the twelfth line the 17 words 'within ten days after he becomes the owner or keeper 18 of said dog' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. Every owner or keeper, upon the first day of April, 20 of a dog more than four months old, shall annually before the 21 tenth day of said April, cause it to be registered, numbered, 22 described and licensed for one year commencing with the first 23 day of said April, in the office of the clerk of the city, town or 24 plantation where said dog is kept, and shall keep around its 25 neck a collar distinctly marked with the owner's name and its 26 registered number, and shall pay to said clerk for a license 27 the sum of one dollar and fifteen cents for each male dog and 28 each female dog incapable of producing young, and three 29 dollars and fifteen cents for each other female dog, and a 30 person becoming the owner or keeper of a dog after the first 31 day of April, not duly licensed as required herein, shall within 32 ten days after he becomes the owner or keeper of said dog, 33 cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed 34 as provided above. Every owner or keeper of dogs, kept for 35 breeding purposes, may receive annually a special kennel 36 license authorizing him to keep such dogs for said purpose, 37 provided he keeps such dogs within a proper inclosure. 38 When the number of dogs so kept does not exceed ten, the 30 fee for such license shall be ten dollars, when the number of 40 dogs so kept exceeds ten, the fee for such license shall be 41 twenty dollars and no fees shall be required for the dogs of 42 such owner or keeper under the age of six months. Dogs 43 covered by kennel license shall be excepted from the provi-44 sions of this section requiring registration, numbering and 45 collaring.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect April one in the year of 2 our Lord nineteen hundred and three.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 6, 1903.

Reported by Mr. BARKER of Bangor, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

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W. S. COTTON, Clerk.