

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 122

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section sixty of chapter four of the Revised  
Statutes, relating to dangerous dogs.

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

That section 60 of chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes be  
2 amended by inserting after the word "city" in the fourteenth  
3 line of said section the words 'at the option of said owner  
4 or keeper,' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 60. Whoever is so assaulted or finds a dog strolling  
6 outside of the premises or immediate care of its owner or  
7 keeper, may, within forty-eight hours thereafter, make writ-  
8 ten complaint before the municipal or police court having  
9 jurisdiction in the city or town where the owner or keeper

10 resides, or in case there is no such court, before a trial justice  
11 in said town, that he really believes and has reason to believe  
12 that said dog is dangerous or vicious; whereupon said  
13 court or trial justice shall order said owner or keeper to  
14 appear and answer to said complaint by serving said owner  
15 or keeper of said dog with a copy of said complaint and  
16 order a reasonable time before the day set for a hearing  
17 thereon; and if upon hearing, the court or trial justice is  
18 satisfied that said complaint is true, he shall order said owner  
19 or keeper within twenty-four hours thereafter either to kill  
20 or confine said dog or remove and keep the same beyond the  
21 limits of said town or city, at the option of said owner or  
22 keeper; and if said owner or keeper neglects to comply  
23 with said order, he shall forfeit to the use of the city or  
24 town aforesaid not less than one, nor more than ten dollars,  
25 to be recovered in an action on the case.'



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, February 7, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*