

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 591

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO HOUSE DOCUMENT
NO. 260.

House Document No. 260 entitled "An Act to amend chapter four of the Revised Statutes relating to better protection of sheep" is hereby amended by striking out all of section two and substituting therefor the following:

'Sect. 2. Revised Statutes, chapter four, section sixty, is
2 hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the
3 word "city" in the fourteenth line thereof and adding the
4 following: 'If any dog is found running at large or outside
5 of the immediate control of its owner or keeper, whether
6 said dog is dangerous or vicious or otherwise, complaint
7 may be made, notice ordered and served, and a hearing had
8 in the same manner as if said dog were believed to be dan-
9 gerous or vicious and if upon hearing the court or trial jus-

10 tice, in the exercise of his discretion, believes that said dog
11 for the reasons set forth in the complaint ought to be either
12 killed, confined or removed beyond the limits of said town
13 or city, he may issue his order accordingly, stating the time
14 within which said order shall be carried into effect. Any
15 such owner or keeper who neglects to comply with any order
16 authorized under this section shall forfeit to the use of the
17 city or town aforesaid not less than five nor more than
18 fifteen dollars, to be recovered in an action on the case,' so
19 that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 60. Whoever is so assaulted or finds a dog strolling
21 outside of the premises or immediate care of its owner or
22 keeper, may, within forty-eight hours thereafter, make writ-
23 ten complaint before the municipal or police court having
24 jurisdiction in the city or town where the owner or keeper
25 resides, or in case there is no such court, before a trial justice
26 in said town, that he really believes and has reason to believe
27 that said dog is dangerous or vicious; whereupon said court
28 or trial justice shall order said owner or keeper to appear
29 and answer to said complaint by serving said owner or
30 keeper of said dog with a copy of said complaint and order
31 a reasonable time before the day set for a hearing thereon;
32 and if upon hearing, the court or trial justice is satisfied
33 that said complaint is true, he shall order said owner or
34 keeper within twenty-four hours thereafter either to kill or
35 confine said dog or remove and keep the same beyond the
36 limits of said town or city; if any dog is found running at

37 large or outside of the immediate control of its owner or
38 keeper, whether said dog be dangerous or vicious or other-
39 wise, complaint may be made, notice ordered and served,
40 and a hearing had in the same manner as if said dog were
41 believed to be dangerous or vicious and if upon hearing the
42 court or trial justice, in the exercise of his discretion, believes
43 that said dog, for the reasons set forth in the complaint,
44 ought to be either killed, confined or removed beyond the
45 limits of said town or city, he may issue his order accord-
46 ingly stating the time within which said order shall be
47 carried into effect. Any such owner or keeper who neglects
48 to comply with any order authorized under this section shall
49 forfeit to the use of the city or town aforesaid, not less than
50 five nor more than fifteen dollars, to be recovered in an
51 action on the case.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 15, 1907.

Tabled pending adoption by Mr. NEWBERT of Augusta and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*