

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 562

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 60 of Chapter 4 of the Revised  
Statutes relating to dangerous or vicious dogs.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. That Section 60 of Chapter 4 of the Revised  
2 Statutes be and hereby is amended by adding after the word  
3 “keeper” in the twelfth line, and after the word “keeper”  
4 in the fourteenth line, the words, ‘or any police officer or  
5 constable appointed in said city or town,’ so that said sec-  
6 tion as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 60. Whoever is so assaulted or finds a dog stroll-  
8 ing outside of the premises or immediate care of its owner  
9 or keeper, may, within forty-eight hours thereafter, make  
10 written complaint before the municipal or police court hav-

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



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 12, 1909.

Reported by Mr. WING from Committee on Judiciary and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*