

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 278

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. St. Clair of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Two Hundred
Twenty-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and
Nine relating to Dogs.

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

Section eighteen of chapter two hundred twenty-two of the
2 Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby
3 amended by adding to said section the following: 'If the dog
4 is not killed within the time fixed by such order, the court
5 or magistrate making said order may, upon application by
6 the complainant, or other person, issue his warrant directed
7 to the sheriff of the county or any of his deputies, or to any
8 police officer or constable in the town where the dog is
9 found, commanding such officer forthwith to kill said dog

10 and to make return of his doings on said warrant to the
11 court or magistrate issuing the same within fourteen days
12 from date thereof. The officer shall receive from the county
13 treasury two dollars for executing said warrant, together
14 with his legal fees for travel, and the owner or keeper afore-
15 said shall be ordered to pay the costs of such supplementary
16 proceedings,' so that said section shall read as follows:

Sect. 18. Whoever is so assaulted or finds a dog strolling
18 outside of the premises or immediate care of its keeper, and
19 the said dog is not safely muzzled, may, within forty-eight
20 hours thereafter, make written complaint before the munici-
21 pal or police court having jurisdiction in the city or town
22 where its owner or keeper resides, or in case there is no
23 court, before a trial justice in said town, that he really be-
24 lieves and has reason to believe that said dog is dangerous
25 and vicious, whereupon said court or trial justice shall order
26 said owner or keeper to appear and answer to said complaint
27 by serving said owner or keeper of said dog with a copy
28 of said complaint and order a reasonable time before the
29 day set for the hearing thereon; and if upon hearing, the
30 court or trial justice is satisfied that the complaint is true,
31 he shall order the dog to be killed and the owner or keeper
32 shall pay the costs. If the dog is not killed within the time
33 fixed by such order, the court or magistrate making said
34 order, may, upon application by the complainant, or other
35 person, issue his warrant directed to the sheriff of the county
36 or any of his deputies, or to any police officer or constable
37 in the town where the dog is found, commanding such officer

38 forthwith to kill said dog and to make return of his doings
39 on said warrant to the court or magistrate issuing the same
40 within fourteen days from date thereof. The officer shall
41 receive from the county treasury two dollars for executing
42 said warrant, together with his legal fees for travel, and
43 the owner or keeper aforesaid shall be ordered to pay the
44 costs of such supplementary proceedings.'