

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 610

House of Representatives, March 10, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Washburn from Committee on Agriculture,
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Clerk Pro Tem.

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
2 the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby
3 amended by adding to said section the following: 'If the
4 dog is not killed within the time fixed by such order, the
5 court or magistrate making said order, may, upon applica-
6 tion by the complainant, or other person, issue his warrant
7 directed to the sheriff of the county or any of his deputies,
8 or to any police officer or constable in the town where the

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

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

36 other person, issue his warrant directed to the sheriff of
37 the county or any of his deputies, or to any police officer
38 or constable in the town where the dog is found, command-
39 ing such officer forthwith to kill said dog and to make re-
40 turn of his doings on said warrant to the court or magis-
41 trate issuing the same within fourteen days from date there-
42 of. The officer shall receive from the county treasury two
43 dollars for executing said warrant, together with his legal
44 fees for travel, and the owner or keeper aforesaid shall be
45 ordered to pay the costs of such supplementary proceedings.'