

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 642

House of Representatives, March 21, 1917.

Printed under joint rules.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter four, Section one hundred ten,
Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen, relative to
damage done to domestic animals by wild animals or dogs.

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

Section one hundred and ten of Chapter four of the Re-
2 vised Statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen is hereby amend-
3 ed by inserting after the word "animals" in the second line,
4 the words 'except poultry,' so that said section as amended
5 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 110. Whenever any sheep, lambs, or other domestic
2 animals, except poultry, owned by a resident of this state,
3 are killed or injured by dogs or wild animals, such owner

4 may make complaint thereof to the mayor of the city, or
5 to one of the municipal officers of the town or plantation
6 where such damage was done, within seven days after he
7 has knowledge of the same, and thereupon the municipal
8 officers shall investigate the complaint, and if satisfied that
9 the said damage was committed by dogs or wild animals
10 within the limits of their city, town or plantation, they shall
11 estimate the damage thereof according to the full value for
12 which they are kept, whether as breeders or for other pur-
13 poses, and direct that the same with fifty percent additional
14 shall be paid from the town treasury. If the municipal
15 officers and the owner of the sheep or domestic animals
16 are unable to agree as to the amount of the damage which
17 shall be paid, the amount shall be determined by three ref-
18 erees to be selected in manner following: One referee to
19 be chosen by the municipal officers, one by the owner of
20 the animals injured or killed, and the third by the two ref-
21 erees already selected. In case one party refuses or ne-
22 glects to select a referee, the other party, after thirty days
23 from the time the notice of the aforesaid damage was giv-
24 en or received, shall select two referees, and the two select-
25 ed shall choose the third. The said referees shall submit
26 a written report, signed by a majority, within fifteen days
27 from the date of their appointment, stating the amount to
28 be paid by the town. The report of said referees shall be
29 final and the expenses of the referees shall be divided equal-
30 ly between the owner of the animals and the town, city or

31 plantation. Any town paying such damages caused by dogs
32 may maintain an action on the case against the owner or
33 keeper of such dogs to recover the amount paid, not exceed-
34 ing the actual damage committed and fifty percent addition-
35 al. Any person who keeps a dog that kills or injures sheep
36 or lambs shall be fined not less than fifty, nor more than
37 one hundred dollars and costs, unless before the final dis-
38 position of the case, the said owner or keeper of the said
39 dog produces satisfactory evidence that the dog has been
40 killed.