

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 403

House of Representatives, March 26, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence and 500
ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Adams of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

An ACT to Amend Sections One Hundred One, One Hundred
Two, and One Hundred Eight of Chapter Four of the Re-
vised Statutes, Relating to the Time of Listing and Licensing
of Dogs.

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

Sections one hundred one, one hundred two, one hundred
2 eight of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby
3 amended by striking out the word "April" wherever it ap-
4 pears in said sections and inserting the word 'January' in
5 lieu thereof so that said sections as amended shall read as
6 follows:

'Sect. 101. Assessors of taxes shall include in their inven-
2 tories lists of all dogs owned by or in the possession of any

3 inhabitant on the first day of January, setting the number
4 and sex thereof opposite the names of their respective own-
5 ers or persons in whose possession the same are found, and
6 make a return to the treasurer of state of said lists and also
7 of the number of dogs killed as required by section one hun-
8 dred and six of this chapter on or before the fifteenth day
9 of June following; and if any city or town fail to return to
10 the treasurer of state on or before September first of each
11 year, a sum of money equal to the license required by this
12 chapter, on all dogs living on the first day of June preced-
13 ing, such deficiency shall be collected in the same manner as
14 the state tax of such delinquent city or town for the follow-
15 ing year.'

'Sect. 102. Every owner or keeper, on the first day of Jan-
2 uary, of a dog more than four months old, shall annually
3 before the tenth day of said January, cause it to be regis-
4 tered, numbered, described and licensed for one year com-
5 mencing with the first day of January aforesaid, in the of-
6 fice of the clerk of the city or town where said dog is kept,
7 and shall keep around its neck a collar distinctly marked
8 with the owner's name and its registered number, and shall
9 pay to said clerk for a license the sum of one dollar and fif-
10 teen cents for each male dog and for each female dog inca-
11 pable of producing young so kept, and five dollars and fif-
12 teen cents for each female dog capable of producing young.
13 Any person becoming the owner or keeper of a dog after
14 the first day of January, not duly licensed as herein requir-

15 ed, shall within ten days after he becomes the owner or
16 keeper of said dog, cause said dog to be described and li-
17 censed as provided above. Every owner or keeper of dogs,
18 kept for breeding purposes, may receive annually a special
19 kennel license authorizing him to keep said dogs for said
20 purpose, provided he keep said dogs within a proper en-
21 closure. When the number of dogs so kept does not exceed
22 ten, the fee for such license shall be ten dollars and fifteen
23 cents; when the number of dogs so kept exceeds ten, the
24 fee for such license shall be twenty dollaars and fifteen
25 cents and no fees shall be required for the dogs of such
26 owner or keeper under the age of six months. Dogs cov-
27 ered by kennel license shall be exempted from the pro-
28 visions of this section requiring registration, numbering,
29 and collaring.'

'Sec. 108. The secretary of state shall seasonably forward
2 to the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations,
3 copies of the seven preceding sections, and each clerk shall
4 annually, at least twenty days before the first day of Jan-
5 uary, post said copies in the usual places of posting notices
6 of the annual municipal or town elections.'