

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 95

House of Representatives, Feb. 14, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Saunders from Committee on Judiciary
and ordered printed and recommitted.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lord of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section One Hundred Sixteen of Chapter
Four of the Revised Statutes, Pertaining to the Right to
Kill Dogs.

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

Section one hundred and sixteen of chapter four is hereby
2 amended by striking out the entire section and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:

'Sect. 116. When dogs may be lawfully killed. Any
2 game warden, sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable may at
3 any time lawfully kill any dog he may find in the act of
4 hunting or chasing moose, caribou or dear, or he may find
5 worrying, wounding or killing any domestic animal, when

6 said dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of its
7 owner or keeper. Any person having any evidence of any
8 dog hunting or chasing moose, caribou or deer, or of any
9 dog kept and used for that purpose, or of any dog worry-
10 ing, wounding or killing any domestic animal, when said
11 dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of his
12 owner or keeper, may present said evidence to any trial
13 justice or judge or recorder of any municipal court, which
14 said trial justice, judge or recorder shall have power to
15 issue a warrant against the owner of said dog, ordering
16 him to appear before him and show cause why said dog
17 should not be killed; and upon hearing the evidence in said
18 case said court may order said dog killed. Any person
19 may lawfully kill a dog which suddenly assaults him or
20 another person when peaceably walking or riding.'