

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 315

House of Representatives, March 7, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hale of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for the Licensing of Cats.

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

Section 1. Every owner or keeper, on the first day of
2 April of each year, of a cat more than six months old, shall,
3 annually, before the tenth day of said April, cause it to be
4 registered, numbered, and licensed, in the office of the clerk
5 of the city, town, or plantation, or with the clerk of the
6 nearest organized place, if in an unorganized township,
7 where said cat is kept, and shall pay to said clerk for such
8 license the sum of one dollar and fifteen cents.

Sect. 2. The clerks of cities, towns and plantations shall
2 issue such licenses and receive the money therefor and pay

3 the sum to the treasurer of their respective city, town or
4 plantation within thirty days thereafter, retaining for their
5 own use the sum of fifteen cents for each license so issued.

The treasurer of each city, town or plantation shall keep
2 accurate account of all money received by him under the
3 provisions of this act and shall, on or before the thirtieth
4 day of March of each year, forward to the state treasurer
5 all license fees collected under this act, said amount to be
6 credited by the state treasurer to the general state fund.

Sect. 3. The provisions of section one hundred and six
2 of chapter four of the revised statutes shall apply in the
3 case of cats not licensed under the provisions of this act,
4 so far as the disposition of such unlicensed cats is con-
5 cerned.

Sect. 4. Any person over the age of twenty-one years
2 who is the holder of a valid hunting and trapping license,
3 may, and it shall be the duty of any inland fish and game
4 warden or deputy inland fish and game warden, sheriff,
5 deputy sheriff, police officer or constable to humanely de-
6 stroy a cat at large found destroying any bird protected by
7 law or any cat found with a dead bird of any species pro-
8 tected by law, and no action for damages shall be main-
9 tained for such killing.

Sect. 5. It shall be unlawful for any householder or any
2 occupant of any cottage or camp, when removing from such
3 house, cottage or camp, to wilfully abandon any cat or cats.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be

2 subject to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than thirty
3 dollars and costs for each offense.