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Referred to Committee on Salaries and Fees and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary. Presented by Senator Greenleaf of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Fees of State Humane Agents.

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

Section sixty-nine of chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "arrest" in the eleventh line thereof, the words 'but no county shall be liable to pay the fees of such agents for their travel outside of its lines,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 69. Duty of officers to prosecute for violations; payment for services. R. S. c. 126, s. 64. Sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, police officers, constables, and agents appointed under the provisions of the following section, shall investigate all cases of cruelty to animals coming to their knowledge, and shall cause offenders to be prosecuted in all cases in which the offense may appear to be of a sufficiently aggravated nature to require prosecution; all fines imposed for the punishment of such offenses, shall be paid over to the county treasurer of the county in which the offense may have been committed. For services and expenses in conducting such investigations such agents shall be paid a reasonable sum by the county in which such services are rendered and expenses incurred, and for their travel the same fees as are now allowed officers, by law for the service of a warrant for arrest, but no county 2

shall be liable to pay the fees of such agents for their travel outside of its lines; provided, however, that all claims of such agents for such travel and services shall first be audited and approved by the county commissioners of the county liable to pay the same.'