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H. P. 1084

House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed.
Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lord of Lebanon.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

I N T H E Y E A R O F O U R L O R D N I N E T E E N H U N D R E D T H I R T Y -
T H R E E

AN ACT Relating to Damage to Poultry by Dogs, or Wild Animals.

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

R. S. c. 5, § 166-A, amended. Section 166-A of chapter 5 of the revised statutes, appearing as chapter 170 of P. L. 1931, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 166-A. Damages to poultry by dogs, or wild animals; procedure; penalty. Whenever any poultry owned by a resident of this state is killed or injured by dogs, skunks, foxes, weasels, ~~or wildcats~~ **mink or coons**, such owner may make complaint thereof to the mayor of the city or to 1 of the municipal officers of the town or plantation where such damage was done, within 24 hours after he has knowledge of the same, and thereupon the municipal officers shall investigate the complaint, and if satisfied that the said damage was committed by dogs or wild animals within the limit of their city, town or plantation, they shall estimate the damage thereof according to the actual value of such poultry, and make returns of their findings together with the estimated damage in triplicate, 1 copy to go to the town clerk, 1 to the commissioner of agriculture and 1 to the state auditor. If the poultry is kept in an unincorporated place, the owner may make complaint to the municipal officers of the nearest incorporated place, who shall investigate the complaint. The commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent shall approve the bill, or if it seems advisable, investigate

and adjust the claim and such adjustment by the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent shall be final in all cases. When the claim is approved by the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent it shall be paid by the state to the person sustaining such damage and shall be a proper charge against the fund received by the state under section 159.

Any person who keeps a dog that kills or injures poultry shall be subject to the same penalty as provided in section 166 of this chapter.'