

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1529

House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lee of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Registration and Licensing of Dogs.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 158, amended. Section 158 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 158. Dogs to be annually registered, numbered, and licensed; license fee; kennel license; fee for kennel license. On or before 1st day of April each year the owner or keeper of any dog 6 months old or over shall apply to the city or town clerk either orally or in writing for a license for each such dog owned or kept by him. Such application shall state the breed, sex, age, color, and markings of such dogs and the name and address of the last previous owner.

A fee of \$2 shall be paid the city or town clerk for each license issued on male dogs, and a fee of \$5 shall be paid for all female dogs capable of bearing young. All female dogs shall be considered capable of producing young unless accompanied by a certificate from a licensed veterinary stating that such female was made incapable of bearing young by spaying by him, giving date and year of each such operation. When such certificate

accompanies the application a fee of \$2 shall then be paid on such spayed females. In addition to the amount paid for license and metal tag each applicant shall pay the city or town clerk 25 cents for recording and making returns to the commissioner of agriculture.

Such licenses shall be made in triplicate, the original copy shall be mailed to the commissioner of agriculture, 1 copy given the person applying for the license, and 1 copy retained by the city or town clerk.

A metal tag showing the year such license is issued and bearing such other data as the commissioner of agriculture may prescribe shall be given with each license and must be securely attached to a leather collar which must be worn at all times by the dog for which the license was issued and it shall be unlawful for any person to remove such tag or to place either collar or tag on any dog not described or for which the license was not issued.

Returns showing all licenses issued by city or town clerks together with a correct report showing the total number of dogs in "both sexes" found by the city or town assessors shall be made to the commissioner of agriculture not later than the 1st day of May each year.

All license blanks and metal tags shall be furnished by the commissioner of agriculture, and the expense for the same shall constitute a legal charge against monies received for dog licenses.'