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Legislative Document

No. 520

S. P. 301

In Senate, Feb. 8, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland.

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

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Cruelty to Animals; Penalty.

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

R. S., c. 135, § 49, amended. Section 49 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 49. Cruelty to animals; penalty. Every person who cruelly overdrives, overloads, or overworks, who torments, tortures, maims, wounds or deprives of necessary sustenance, or who cruelly beats, mutilates, or kills any horse or other animal, or causes the same to be done, or having the charge or custody thereof, as owner or otherwise, unnecessarily fails to provide such animals with proper food, drink, shelter and protection from the weather; every person, owning or having the charge or custody of any animal, who knowingly and wilfully authorizes or permits the same to suffer tortures or cruelty; and every owner, driver, possessor or person having the custody of an old, maimed, disabled, or diseased animal, who cruelly works the same when unfit for labor, or who cruelly abandons such animal; and every person who carries or causes to be carried, or has the care of, in or upon a car or other vehicle or otherwise, any animal in a cruel or inhuman manner, shall for ~~every such offense~~ **a first offense under the provisions of this section** be punished by a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months; **and every person convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than 1 year nor more than 3 years.'**