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S. P. 326

In Senate, February 9, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Graves of Hancock.

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 the Keeping of Dogs.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 172, amended. Section 172 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

‘When any person resident in any city, town or plantation complains to the municipal officers thereof that a dog owned or in the possession or control of any person resident in said city, town or plantation is running at large and doing or threatens to do damage to any person or to any property, the municipal officers are hereby authorized to order the owner, keeper or person having possession of said dog to appear before said municipal officers by serving said owner, keeper or person in possession of said dog with a copy of said complaint and order hearing and may swear witnesses. If upon said hearing the municipal officers are satisfied that the complaint is true they may order the owner, keeper or person in possession of said dog to muzzle the same or to restrain same or to prevent same from running at large and/or to confine said dog to the premises of said owner, keeper or person in possession. If the owner, keeper or person in possession of said dog fails to comply with the order of said municipal officers,

said municipal officers may order said dog to be killed and shall issue instructions therefor to any police officer or constable of said town or of any adjoining town, or to any deputy sheriff or member of the state police which said officials are hereby expressly authorized to carry out said order of said municipal officers.'