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House of Representatives, March 31, 1943.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE**

AN ACT for the Better Protection of Livestock and Poultry.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 166-B, additional. Chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 166-B, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 166-B. Dogs roaming at large; penalty. If any dog shall roam upon the land of another other than its owner or keeper, the municipal officers of the town in which such land is located shall, upon request of the owner of the property on which said dog is roaming, send a written notice to the owner or keeper of the dog. A copy of this notice shall be filed with the town clerk. No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such dog to roam at large upon the land of another unless it is within call or control of the said owner or keeper or the agent of the said owner or keeper. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or prohibit the use of hunting dogs during the open hunting or training seasons. Whoever violates the provisions of this section, after having received the written notice provided for herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$25; provided, however, that the court may order the offending dog to be killed if the case is aggravated or the offense habitual.'