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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wight of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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

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

**R. S., c. 88, § 17, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 17 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Whenever any poultry owned by a resident of this state is killed or injured by dogs, skunks, foxes, weasels, mink, or coons such owner may make complaint thereof to the mayor of the city or to one 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 **they are satisfied that reasonable protection has been given the poultry** and that the said damage was committed by dogs or wild animals within the limits of their city, town or plantation, they shall, **after viewing such birds or a sufficient part of each to identify same, make an actual count and thereon estimate compute** the damage thereof according to the actual value of such poultry ~~and~~. **Whenever loss is claimed, the extent of which cannot be determined by reason of dogs or wild animals having carried away the poultry, the municipal officers may make allowance for such poultry, provided that no such claim shall exceed \$10. The municipal officers shall make returns of their findings together with the estimated damage, in triplicate; the original**

and duplicate copies together with a bill from the claimant shall be mailed to the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent, within 15 days from the date of investigation, and the triplicate shall be kept by the town clerk as his record.'