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H. P. 1258

House of Representatives, February 14, 1947.

Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McGlauffin (by request) of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to the Inspection and Regulation of  
Dog Kennels.**

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

**R. S., c. 88, § 9-A, additional.** Chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 9-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 9-A. Inspection and regulation of dog kennels.** The commissioner of agriculture or his authorized representative, or any humane agent, police officer or dog officer, within his jurisdiction may at any time inspect or cause to be inspected any kennel licensed pursuant to the provisions of the preceding section, and if in their or his judgment, the same is not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner, or if the records required by law are not properly kept, such representative, police officer, or dog officer shall make complaint to the commissioner of agriculture, setting forth conditions and irregularities complained of, a copy of which complaint shall be given to the licensee, owner or operator of said kennel either in person or by registered mail; whereupon the commissioner of agriculture shall appoint a time and place for hearing not less than 48 hours after the filing of said complaint, and if after hearing, the allega-

tions of said complaint are found true, said commissioner shall by order revoke or suspend such kennel license until said licensee shall give satisfactory evidence of full compliance with all provisions of law and regulations for humane treatment, protection and sanitation of said dogs and kennels.

For a second offense under the provisions of this section, the kennel license shall be permanently revoked.'