

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 123

H. P. 360

House of Representatives, January 25, 1949.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Cruelty to Animals.

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

R. S., c. 127, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 127 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 2. 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 animal 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 be punished by a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than

11 months. Any person acting as a judge in any horse-pulling or oxen-pulling contest who knowingly permits any driver to cruelly overdrive, overload or overwork any animal shall be liable in the same degree as the driver and subject to the same penalty as set forth in this section in respect to the person who cruelly overdrives, overloads or overworks any animal.'