

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 153**

S. P. 69

In Senate, January 27, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Parker of Piscataquis

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Dogs Attacking Domestic Animals or Fowl.**

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

**R. S., c. 88, § 22, amended.** Section 22 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 22. Killing dogs chasing game or domestic animals or fowl.** Any inland fish and game warden, sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable may at any time lawfully kill any dog he may find in the act of hunting or chasing moose, caribou or deer, or he may find worrying, wounding or killing any domestic animal **or fowl**, when said dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of its owner or keeper. ~~Any owner of sheep or any member of his family or any person to whom is intrusted the custody of any sheep shall have a right to kill any dog attacking any of said sheep~~ Any owner of domestic animals or fowl, or any member of his family, or any person to whom is entrusted the custody of any domestic animals or fowl, shall have a right to kill any dog attacking any of said domestic animals **or fowl**. Any person having any evidence of any dog hunting or chasing moose, caribou or deer, or of any dog kept and used for that purpose, or of any dog worrying, wounding or killing any domestic animal or fowl, when said dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of his owner or keeper, may present said evidence to any trial justice or judge or re-

corder of any municipal court, which said trial justice, judge or recorder shall have power to issue a warrant against the owner of said dog, ordering him to appear before him and show cause why said dog should not be killed; and upon hearing the evidence in said case said court may order said dog killed. Any person may lawfully kill a dog which suddenly assaults him or another person when peaceably walking or riding.'