

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 667

House of Representatives, February 12, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Childs of Portland

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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 Food and Shelter for Sick, Injured or Abandoned  
Dogs.**

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

**R. S., c. 127, § 17-A, additional.** Chapter 127 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 17-A, to read as follows :

**'Sec. 17-A. Dogs brought to veterinarian.** Any person finding a sick, stray, injured or abandoned dog may take the same to any licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter, within the state, which will accept the same. Any licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter accepting such a sick, stray, injured or abandoned dog shall keep the same for a period of 2 weeks and shall be entitled to receive from the state of Maine, the sum of \$1 per day for such period or part thereof as they shall provide food and shelter, provided that such licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter, shall notify the clerk of their respective town or city within 24 hours after accepting such a dog, such notice to include a detailed description of the dog and the circumstances of its finding. Upon the expiration of said 2 weeks if the owner of the dog has not appeared to claim the same then said licensed veterinarian, humane society or shelter may give away, sell or otherwise humanely dispose of said dog; proceeds from any sale

shall be deducted from any claim for board made to the state. In the event the owner of such a dog shall appear and claim the dog while still in possession of said keeper, may have and receive the same upon payment of all charges provided for in this section. All moneys paid by the state of Maine to such keepers shall be taken from the fund received from dog licenses.'