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H. P. 990

House of Representatives, March 27, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Killing of Dogs Chasing Livestock or Poultry.

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

R. S., c. 100, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 24. Killing dogs chasing game or livestock or poultry.** 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~~ **livestock** or ~~fowl~~ **poultry**, when said dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of its owner or keeper. Any owner of ~~sheep~~ **livestock** or ~~fowl~~ **poultry** or any member of his family or any person to whom is entrusted the custody of any ~~sheep~~ **livestock** or ~~fowl~~ **poultry** shall have a right to kill any dog attacking any of said ~~sheep~~ **livestock** or ~~fowl~~ **poultry**. 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~~ **livestock** or ~~fowl~~ **poultry**, 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 recorder 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~~ **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.'