

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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of the committee, are to be collected as provided in section three; *provided, however*, that this act shall not apply to any case where the judgment has been reversed on account of informality in the proceedings.’

CHAP. 200
Proviso.

Approved February 8, 1877.

Chapter 200.

An act additional to chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes, relating to mischievous dogs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually cause it to be registered, described, and licensed for one year, in the office of the city or town clerk wherein he resides, by paying therefor, to said clerk, the sum of twenty cents; and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with the owner’s name and registered number, and shall pay into the treasury of the city or town, for such license, one dollar for a male dog and two dollars for a female dog.

Dogs shall be annually registered and licensed

SECT. 2. The treasurer of the town shall keep an accurate and separate account of all money received and paid out under the provisions of this act.

Town Treasurers to keep separate account of money received and paid out under this act.

SECT. 3. Whoever keeps a dog contrary to the provisions of this act shall forfeit ten dollars, to be recovered on complaint, to the use of the city or town wherein the dog is kept, and any person may, and every police officer and constable shall kill, or cause to be destroyed, all dogs going at large, and not licensed and collared according to the provisions of this act; and such officers, when not otherwise paid for their services, shall receive from the city or town treasury, fifty cents for each dog so destroyed.

Penalty for violation.

Duty of officers.

SECT. 4. Whoever wrongfully removes the collar from, or steals a dog licensed and collared as aforesaid, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars; and whoever wrongfully kills, maims, entices or carries away such a dog, shall be liable to the owner for its value.

Penalty for removing collar or stealing dog.

Liability for killing, &c.

SECT. 5. Whoever suffers loss by reason of the worrying, maiming or killing of his sheep, lambs or other domestic

Damage to other animals by dogs, remedy for.

CHAP. 201 animals, by dogs, may, within thirty days after he knows of such loss, present proof thereof to the mayor or selectmen of the city or town wherein the damage is done, and thereupon said officers shall draw a conditional order, in favor of the owner, upon the treasurer of said city or town, for the amount of such loss. The treasurer shall register such orders at the time of their presentation, and annually, on the first day of January, pay them in full, if the amount received by his city or town under the provisions of this act is sufficient therefor; otherwise, he shall divide such amount pro rata among such orders in full discharge thereof. After such order has been drawn, the city or town may recover, against the owner or keeper of any dog concerned in doing the damage, the full amount thereof.

Proceedings.

Town may recover against owner or keeper in full for damage.

Fines and penalties, how recovered.

SECT. 6. All fines and penalties provided in the preceding sections may be recovered on complaint before any court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the offense is committed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 7. Section seven, chapter six, of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved February 8, 1877.

Chapter 201.

An act additional to chapter twenty-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, concerning the Militia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Richards Light Infantry made subject to provisions of ch. 29, public laws of 1869.

The volunteer company known as Richards Light Infantry, is hereby made subject to all the duties and granted all the privileges provided for volunteer companies of militia by chapter twenty-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

Approved February 8, 1877.