

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
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OF THE  
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**STATE OF MAINE**

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Sec. 3. R. S., c. 19, § 55, repealed and replaced. Section 55 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'Sec. 55. "Non-resident," definition of. The term "non-resident," as used in this chapter, shall be defined as any person whose legal residence is in some state, district or country other than Maine; but a non-resident, having a regular abode or place of business within the state for more than 6 months of the 12 months next preceding, shall be deemed a resident as to all vehicles principally used in connection with such abode or place of business; and the secretary of state, for the purposes of registration, shall determine what vehicles are so used.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 19, §§ 57, 58, repealed. Sections 57 and 58 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. Limitation. It is the intent of the legislature to change the present statute until and including December 31, 1947, at which time the present statute shall return to full force and effect.

Effective July 21, 1945

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## Chapter 343

AN ACT Relating to the Enforcement and Collection of Dog Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 88, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Warrants to be issued to officers to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog; disposal of unlicensed dogs. The ~~mayor of each city and the~~ municipal officers of each city, town or plantation shall annually within 10 days ~~after the 1st day of May~~ from the 1st day of June issue a warrant, returnable on the 1st day of ~~June~~ July following, to one or more police officers or constables, directing him or them to proceed forthwith to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog. **Provided, however,** that the said police officer or constable may, before entering such complaint and obtaining said summons, call on the owner or keeper of said dog and demand that he conform with the law and pay the license fees due, and if

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the owner pays such license fees, he shall pay in addition thereto the officers' fee of 85c, which the officer shall retain and make return and pay over to the city or town clerk the license fees received by him.

On the 1st day of ~~June~~ July ~~the mayors of cities and~~ the municipal officers of cities, towns and plantations shall issue to one or more police officers or constables a warrant returnable on the 1st Monday of the following February, directing him or them to seek out, catch, and confine all dogs within such city, town, or plantation, which are not licensed, collared and tagged, or enclosed as required by sections 8 to 25, inclusive, and to enter complaint and summons to court the owner or keeper of any such dog. ~~and~~ Such court may order such police officers or constables to sell, give away, kill, or cause to be killed each such dog which after being detained by him or them for a period of not more than 6 days shall not have been licensed, collared and tagged.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 88, § 13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 88 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 13. Officers to make returns. Each police officer or constable to whom the warrants named in the 1st and 2nd paragraphs of the preceding section are issued shall return the same at the time specified ~~and shall state in his return on each warrant the number of dogs killed or otherwise disposed of and whether all unlicensed dogs within his precinct have been disposed of, and the names of persons against whom complaints have been made under the provisions of said section.~~ Such officers shall receive from the city, town, or plantation the sum of \$2 for each dog killed or otherwise disposed of, and for other services rendered under the provisions of sections 8 to 25, inclusive, they shall receive such compensation as the municipal officers may determine.

Provided, however, that in the event the owner of a dog, that has been ordered to be killed, desires to conform with the law in regard to the dog at the time the officer calls to attend to his duty, he may pay the regular fees due, plus an extra fee of 85c, to the officer. The officer shall make a return on the warrant to that effect, and pay over the regular fee to the city or town clerk, retaining the 85c.

Provided further, however, that in no case shall such officer be entitled to more than \$2 as a fee for disposing of any dog.'

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