

By Mr. Nickinello of Natick, petition of Louis R. Nickinello relative to the disposition of licenses and other fees for dogs. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT CONTROLLING THE DISPOSITION OF LICENSES AND OTHER FEES FOR DOGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 147 and inserting in place thereof the
3 following section:—

4 *Section 147.* The police commissioner of Boston and the
5 clerks of other cities and of towns shall issue said licenses, tags
6 and tattoos, receive the money therefor and pay it into the
7 treasuries of their respective cities and towns on the first Monday
8 of each month or oftener, and shall certify under
9 penalties of perjury to the amounts of money thus received and
10 paid over by them. The city and town treasurers shall pay into
11 the treasury of the commonwealth on or before June first and
12 December first of each year ten per cent of the amounts received
13 by them on account of such fees and not previously paid over
14 and shall certify under the penalties of perjury to the amounts of
15 money thus received and paid over by them. The monies
16 retained by each city and town shall be used exclusively for
17 anything relating to the safety and control of dogs.

18 The police commissioner of Boston and such city or town
19 clerks shall make a record in books kept therefor and to be
20 furnished by the state of each license issued by him, of the name
21 of the owner or keeper of each dog licensed, and the name,
22 registered number and description of each such dog, and such
23 books shall be open to public inspection during the usual office

24 hours of such police commissioner or city or town clerk. The
25 police commissioner of Boston and each such city or town clerk
26 shall within thirty days next succeeding April first in each year
27 return to the state all license books and tags furnished for the
28 preceding license year, including all stubs and voided licenses and
29 unused license blanks and all licenses and tags taken up in
30 accordance with section one hundred and forty-six. The said
31 police commissioner and any city or town clerk or city or town
32 treasurer violating any provision of this section shall be
33 punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than five
34 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not less than one month
35 nor more than one year, or both. If such a city or town clerk
36 neglects or fails to pay such money into the city or town treasury
37 as required by this section, the city or town may recover the
38 amount thereof with all damages sustained through such neglect
39 or failure, and interest in an action on the official bond required
40 in the case of a city clerk by section thirteen A of chapter forty-
41 one, and in the case of a town clerk by section thirteen of said
42 chapter. All payments required hereunder shall be subject to the
43 provisions of section fifty-two of said chapter forty-one.