

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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S.P. 150 - L.D. 485

**An Act Regarding Actions of the Owner or Keeper of a Dog That Assaults a Person and Causes an Injury That Requires Medical Attention**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3955 is enacted to read:

**§3955. Leaving the scene of an assault by a dog that causes an injury that requires medical attention for a person**

**1. Required actions by owner or keeper.** The owner or keeper of a dog that assaults a person and causes an injury that requires medical attention shall comply with the requirements of this section before leaving the scene of the assault:

A. The owner or keeper shall secure aid for the injured person, including, as appropriate, securing medical assistance and reporting the assault to the local law enforcement agency;

B. After securing aid for the injured person, the owner or keeper may leave the scene on a temporary basis in order to contain the dog that assaulted the person; and

C. After securing aid for the injured person and containing the dog that assaulted the person, the owner or keeper shall provide the owner's or keeper's name, current address and contact information to the injured person, a person acting for the injured person or a law enforcement officer.

**2. Violation.** A violation of this section is a Class D crime.