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In Senate, January 31, 2019

An Act To Require an Owner of a Dangerous Dog To Remain at the Scene of an Assault by the Dog

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner and
Senator: BELLOWS of Kennebec, Representatives: DOORE of Augusta, FECTEAU of
Augusta.

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

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

3 **§3955. Leaving the scene of a dangerous dog assault**

4 The owner or keeper of a dangerous dog that assaults a person and causes serious
5 bodily injury to that person may not leave the scene of the assault before giving that
6 owner's or keeper's name and current address to the injured person, a person acting for the
7 injured person or a law enforcement officer, except for the purpose of securing aid for the
8 injured person, in which case the owner or keeper leaving the scene of the assault shall
9 give that owner's or keeper's name and current address after securing such aid.

10 A person who fails to comply with this section commits a Class C crime.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the owner or keeper of a dangerous dog that assaults a person and
13 causes serious bodily injury to remain at the scene of the assault until after providing the
14 owner's or keeper's name and current address to the injured person, a person acting for the
15 injured person or a law enforcement officer. A person who fails to comply commits a
16 Class C crime.