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I live in Biddeford and have a barky mini schnauzer. I am concerned about this bill, especially about the 30 day delayed option for people to complain about their peace being violated. In my experience, and unfortunately, the one time we have had barking issues my neighbor called animal control and only then were we called. Animal control told us that it was a violation only if the barking was continuous for 30 minutes or more. Now, we don't like our dog barking for that long, we don't really like her barking at all unless it's briefly, at someone outside our house. Consequently, we don't let her bark for a half hour, or even for 10 minutes. However, how is it that after 30 days anyone is believable? either party? unless one party recorded the dog and spliced the recordings together in order to elongate the time of nuisance barking, which might be considered "evidence" albeit confabulated. I'm not sure why this bill is even being considered, Did huge amounts of people complain about barking dogs? More so than in the past?

I hope this bill gets voted down and you can move on to other, vastly more important items on the Maine legislative agenda.

Thanks for reading -Renee Arbisi Biddeford