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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 231

H. P. 173

House of Representatives, January 20, 1971

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hall of South Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Use of Drugs on Animals at Agricultural Fairs.

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

R. S., T. 7, § 62, amended. Section 62 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end of the 4th paragraph the following new paragraph:

The use of any drug, stimulant, sedative, depressant medication or other substance which might affect the performance of any animals is prohibitive. The commissioner may require that any animal, during competition, or about to compete in any contest, be subjected to any test that he may deem necessary for the detection of such drugs or other substances. Any owner or person in charge of any animals who refuses, or neglects to secure or restrain such animals as the commissioner may deem necessary for expeditious application of such tests, examination or identification, shall be barred from competing. No agricultural fair shall receive any stipend on any premiums paid to owners of animals found to be in violation of this section. The owner of any animal found to be in violation of this section shall be barred from entering or driving any animal in competition at any agricultural fair in the State that receives a stipend, for a period of 2 years. Laboratory fees, equipment, supplies and all necessary expenses for the administration of this section shall be paid from the Agricultural Stipend Fund.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There are indications that some people are using drugs or other substances that influence the natural performance of animals in competition at pulling events. Purpose: To authorize the commissioner to investigate, and if any of the conditions described above exist, to correct them as indicated.