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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

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, § 74, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 74 to read as follows :

§ 74. Certain substances prohibited

No person shall feed, inject, insert or otherwise administer any drug, depressant, stimulant, sedative or other substance which may affect the conduct, actions, endurance, strength, speed or performance of any animal to any animal competing in any pulling competition under section 62. The Commissioner of Agriculture may require that any such animal before, during or after such competition be subjected to such tests as he may deem necessary for the detection of such drugs or substances. No person who owns or has custody of any animal competing in any such competition shall refuse to secure or restrain or interfere with the securing and restraining of any such animal as may be necessary for expeditious application of such tests or necessary identification. All such tests shall be administered by an authorized agent of the commissioner.

Any person found to be in violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be barred from entering or competing any animal in competition at any agricultural fair in the State that receives a stipend under section 62, for a period of 2 years from the date of such conviction. Any animal or animals involved in such violation shall be prohibited from competing at any such fair for a period of 45 days.