

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 618

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*House of Representatives, March 20, 1917.*

*Printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

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AN ACT to Prevent Cruelty to Animals in the Sale and Transportation of Horses.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person holding an  
2 auctioneer's license to receive or offer for sale or to sell at  
3 public auction, or for any person to sell at private sale, any  
4 horse which by reason of debility, disease or lameness or for  
5 other cause, could not be worked in this state without violat-  
6 ing the laws against cruelty to animals, but this section shall  
7 not be construed to prohibit the sale to, and the purchase of  
8 animals by, humane societies incorporated under the laws of  
9 this state for the purpose of humanely killing the same.

Sect. 2. Any licensed auctioneer violating any provision of  
2 this act shall forfeit his license, and any person violating any  
3 provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less  
4 than five nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprison-  
5 ment for not more than six months.