

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 9

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House of Representatives, Jan. 11, 1921.

On motion of Mr. Wing of Auburn, was tabled pending reference in concurrence. Five hundred copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

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AN ACT to Regulate and License Operators of Slaughter  
Houses.

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

Section 1. Any person, firm, corporation or association  
2 conducting, operating or managing a slaughter house shall,  
3 on or before the first day of July in each year, obtain a  
4 license from the commissioner of agriculture; said license  
5 shall be for a period of one year, to be renewed annually,  
6 and shall be in full force and effect so long as its holder  
7 complies with the provisions of the pure food and public  
8 health laws and regulations. The term "slaughter house"  
9 as used herein shall be held to include any establishment

10 wherein animals are slaughtered for human consumption;  
11 provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed as re-  
12 ferring to original producers who engage in selling and dis-  
13 tributing meat and meat products grown and slaughtered  
14 by themselves.

Sect. 2. Licensees under this act shall be classified and  
2 required to pay fees as follows: A licensee hereunder who  
3 handles annually meat and meat products in his slaughter  
4 houses of a greater gross value than twenty-five hundred  
5 dollars shall be designated as a Class A licensee, and shall  
6 pay the commissioner of agriculture ten dollars per annum  
7 as license fee; a licensee hereunder, the gross value of whose  
8 products as above does not exceed annually the sum of  
9 twenty-five hundred dollars, shall be designated as a Class  
10 B licensee, and shall pay to the commissioner of agriculture  
11 as license fee the sum of two dollars per annum, provided  
12 that any person doing business as specified in section one  
13 hereof who is subject to the system of federal inspection,  
14 is to be known as a Class C licensee, and is not subject to  
15 the paying of a license fee. Failure to comply with the  
16 regulations and provisions of the pure food law shall cause  
17 the forfeiture of license under this chapter, and during  
18 such forfeiture it shall be unlawful for any person whose  
19 license is suspended to conduct any slaughtering business,  
20 except as specially provided by the commissioner of agri-  
21 culture, and each day's operation after revocation and dur-  
22 ing suspension of license, other than as provided by the

23 commissioner of agriculture, shall constitute a separate  
24 offense.

Sect. 3. The commissioner of agriculture shall each year  
2 issue licenses as herein provided, on or before the first day  
3 of July, upon receipt of applications accompanied by the  
4 necessary fee, and written statement from the applicant set-  
5 ting forth that said applicant has conformed to the laws of  
6 the state regulating pure food, sanitation and public health,  
7 in such places of business.

Sect. 4. No transfer of license or removal of licensed  
2 slaughter house or change of place of slaughtering or doing  
3 business shall be permitted without the written approval of  
4 the commissioner of agriculture.

Sect. 5. The commissioner of agriculture, in person or  
2 by his agent or representative, shall have the right to enter  
3 and inspect all premises of all persons hereunder licensed,  
4 and shall have full and free access, ingress and egress at  
5 all times to all buildings, rooms, equipments, utensils, and  
6 storage houses, used or useful for the business of slaugh-  
7 tering animals and for storing the products thereof. And  
8 the commissioner of agriculture in person or by his agent  
9 or representative shall also have the right to examine any  
10 and all property, to examine all records of any licensee  
11 pertaining to said slaughtering business, and to copy the  
12 same for the purpose of determining the proper classifica-  
13 tion of said licensee.

Sect. 6. The commissioner of agriculture shall make uni-

2 form rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions  
3 of this chapter, and may publish them, with such other in-  
4 formation as he may deem to be of public benefit. For  
5 enforcing the provisions of this chapter, the commissioner  
6 of agriculture shall be entitled to and shall receive the assist-  
7 ance of the attorney general and the several county attor-  
8 neys; he may recover the penalties imposed for violation  
9 of this chapter in an action of debt, brought in his own  
10 name, the venue to be as in other civil cases, and if he pre-  
11 vails in any action, he shall recover full costs; or he may  
12 prosecute for violations hereof by complaint or indictment,  
13 and such prosecution shall be commenced in the county in  
14 which the offence was committed. All money collected for  
15 license fees under the provisions of this act shall be de-  
16 posited to the credit of the commissioner of agriculture,  
17 and all fines received under this chapter by county treas-  
18 urers shall be paid by them to the commissioner of agri-  
19 culture, and all money received by the commissioner of  
20 agriculture under this chapter shall be paid by him to the  
21 treasurer of state, and the same is hereby appropriated to  
22 be expended in the enforcement of the provisions of this  
23 chapter.

Sect. 7. Any person, firm or corporation who violates  
2 any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by  
3 a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dol-  
4 lars for the first offence, and for a second or subsequent

5 offence by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor  
6 more than one hundred dollars.

Sect. 8. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with any  
2 of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.