

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED BY THE

**ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE**

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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All female cattle brought into the State born after January 1, 1982, shall have been officially vaccinated against brucellosis, except in the case of calves under 120 days of age and except in the case of cattle brought in for immediate slaughter.

For the prevention and control ~~and eradication~~ of brucellosis, the commissioner or his agent in charge of livestock sanitary work shall continue to conduct recognized tests on all the herds in the State. Such tests shall be conducted by regularly employed federal or state veterinarians or technicians or authorized veterinarians and tested by the state laboratory. All animals showing a positive reaction to the test shall be identified by a "reactor" ear tag and brand and shall be slaughtered, except vaccinated animals under 20 months of age.

Officially vaccinated calves, if purebred, shall be properly identified by ear tag or registration papers or tattoo number. Grade animals shall be tagged. All officially vaccinated calves must be tattooed with the official state tattoo mark. Evidence of vaccination shall be the official state tattoo mark and either a vaccination ear tag or a tattoo number.

Vaccine for cattle owned by residents of this State shall be provided by the commissioner or through the commissioner from the Federal Government.

Any person who tampers, with an intent to change or destroy, with a vaccination identification ear tag, official state tattoo mark, tattoo number or the identification on a registration paper shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$5,000 for each incident, payable to the State, to be recovered in a civil action.

For the purpose of this section, the term "officially vaccinated" means a vaccination against brucellosis that complies with the requirements for such vaccination established by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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## CHAPTER 198

H. P. 519 — L. D. 585

**AN ACT to Allow Savings Banks and Savings Associations to Accept Demand Deposits of their own Funds.**

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

9-B MRSA § 423, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, § 1, is amended to read:

**B.** A financial institution subject to Parts 5 or 7 shall accept only **demand deposits of its own funds** and those deposits authorized in subsection 1 until such time as there exists either equality among financial institutions as to interest rates payable on deposits, or Federally-chartered thrift institutions in this State are authorized to have checking deposit or demand deposit privileges and, in the event of the latter, only to the extent such federal institutions are so authorized.

Effective September 18, 1981

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## CHAPTER 199

H. P. 523 — L. D. 589

### AN ACT to Improve the Administration of Workers' Compensation Hearings and Appeals.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 96 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 39 MRSA § 96-A is enacted to read:

#### § 96-A. Procedure for filing petitions

1. **Filing with commission.** Any interested party may seek a determination of his rights under this Act by filing with the commission any petition authorized under this Act.

2. **Service upon responding party.** Copies of all petitions filed under this Act shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the other parties named in the petition. In the case of a petition by an employee, a copy of the petition shall be served upon the employer's insurer, or group self-insurer, and the time for filing an answer to the petition commences from the date of receipt of the petition by the insurer or group self-insurer.

Sec. 3. 39 MRSA § 97, first sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 437, § 5, is further amended to read:

Within ~~20~~ 30 days after ~~notice of the filing receipt~~ of such petition all the other parties interested in opposition shall file an answer thereto **with the commission and furnish mail** a copy thereof ~~for~~ to the petitioner, which answer shall state specifically the contentions of the opponents with reference to the claim as disclosed by the petition.

Sec. 4. 39 MRSA § 99, 2nd ¶, first sentence as enacted by PL 1977, c. 632, § 2, is amended to read: