

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 806

S. P. 257

In Senate, February 2, 1965

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hilton of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Application of Slaughterhouse Law to Domestic Rabbits.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 2532, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 2532 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

'A license shall not be required of any farmer or other person who raises and slaughters his own domestic animals on his farm or premises for consumption as human food by himself or his family ; nor of any retail sales establishment ; nor the home kitchen operated only by the owner and his immediate family ; nor of the farmer or other person who raises and slaughters his own poultry **or domestic rabbits** for consumption or sale ; nor a custom slaughterhouse, nor a custom meat processing plant.'

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 22, § 2532, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 2532 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

'All carcasses of meat from animals, except poultry **or domestic rabbits**, that are slaughtered in a licensed slaughterhouse in Maine and which are to be used for human consumption shall be stamped with the license number issued by the commissioner to the licensed establishment, type and design of stamp to be approved by the commissioner. The meat shall be stamped on all parts that are to be portioned in wholesale cuts and the edible meat by-products shall be so stamped. The provisions of the stamping requirement shall not apply to meat or meat by-products held for custom processing, storage, packaging or freezing for owners of the products which shall not be for sale, and shall be marked with the name and address of the owner. No person, firm, partnership, corporation, association or society shall have in his possession for sale, sell, offer or expose

for sale or hold for further processing for subsequent sale any meat or meat by-products, except poultry **or domestic rabbits**, which comes from carcasses or parts not bearing approved state or federal marks. All carcasses of meats or parts, except poultry **or domestic rabbits**, found in wholesale or retail sales outlets which do not bear the approved state or federal marks may be condemned for sale and destroyed for food purposes.'