

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Brucellosis in Swine.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, swine brucellosis exists in some Maine herds and can be transmitted to humans by the handling of infected meat; and

Whereas, the eradication of swine brucellosis is now part of the National Brucellosis Program; and

Whereas, under the National Plan the approved uniform methods and rules for the eradication of porcine (swine) brucellosis are based upon sanitation, segregation and testing and this plan does not require indemnity; and

Whereas, infected herds can readily be detected by obtaining blood samples at the time of slaughter; and

Whereas, the procedure of restricting the sale of swine or pork from known infected herds is in line with the law restricting the sale of milk from dairy herds keeping known brucellosis reactors; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**R. S., T. 7, § 1812-A, additional.** Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1812-A, to read as follows:

**§ 1812-A. Brucellosis in swine**

The commissioner shall formulate and implement rules, regulations and methods of procedure generally adopted for the prevention, control and eradication of brucellosis in swine.

No swine or swine products shall be offered for human consumption from any herd in the State where infection has been found until all swine in such herd are in compliance with rules, regulations and procedures formulated by the commissioner under this section.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall become effective July 1, 1967.