

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1189

H. P. 868

House of Representatives, February 26, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mosher of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Revising the Provisions of the Maine Meat Inspection Act
Relating to Custom Slaughtering Operations.**

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

R. S., T. 22, § 2556, sub-§ 1, ¶ B, amended. Paragraph B of subsection 1 of section 2556 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 464 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

B. To the custom slaughter by any person, firm or corporation of cattle, sheep, swine or goats delivered by the owner thereof for such slaughter, and the preparation by such slaughterer and transportation in intrastate commerce of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food products of such animals, exclusively for use, in the household of such owner, by him, and members of his household and his nonpaying guests and employees; ~~provided that such custom slaughterer does not engage in the business of buying or selling any carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat or meat food products of any cattle, sheep, swine, goats or equines, capable of use as human~~ food nor to the custom preparation by any person, firm or corporation of carcasses, parts thereof, meat or meat food products, derived from the slaughter by any person of cattle, sheep, swine or goats of his own raising or from game animals, delivered by the owner thereof for such custom preparation and transportation in intrastate commerce of such custom prepared articles, exclusively for use in the household of such owner, by him and members of his household and his nonpaying guests and employees; provided that in cases where such person, firm or corporation engages in such custom operations at an establishment at which inspection under this chapter is maintained, the commissioner may exempt from such inspection at such establishment any animals slaughtered or any meat or meat food

products otherwise prepared on such custom basis; provided further that custom operations at any establishment shall be exempt from inspection requirements as provided by this section only if the establishment complies with regulations which the commissioner is authorized to promulgate to assure that any carcasses, parts thereof, meat or meat food products wherever handled on a custom basis or any containers or packages containing such articles, are separated at all times from carcasses, parts thereof, meat or meat food products prepared for sale, and that all such articles prepared on a custom basis or any containers or packages containing such articles are plainly marked 'Not for Sale' immediately after being prepared and kept so identified until delivered to the owner and that the establishment conducting the custom operation is maintained and operated in a sanitary manner.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to amend the Maine Meat Inspection Act to comply with the amended Federal Meat Inspection Act by adoption of The Curtis Amendment (S. 3592, as passed and signed by the President).