

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 968

House of Representatives, March 6, 1973

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Murray of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Animals Imported into the State of Maine for Resale.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 1809, amended.** The 2nd sentence of section 1809 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

If the health status of the animals offered for entry does not meet the health requirements of the State, as established by law or by rules and regulations made by the commissioner, the commissioner may refuse to grant a permit ~~or may issue one subject to quarantine at destination.~~

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 1809, amended.** The 4th sentence of section 1809 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 7, § 1809-A, additional.** Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1809-A to read as follows:

**§ 1809-A. Quarantine**

All animals specified in section 1809 which are transported into the State shall be kept in quarantine for a minimum period of 10 days.

1. **Housing.** Quarantine facilities shall meet minimum housing facilities as described in the rules and regulations of the department.

2. **Resale.** Animals in quarantine shall not be offered to or exhibited to the public for resale until termination of the quarantine period.

3. **Inspection.** At the termination of the quarantine period, each animal must be inspected by a licensed veterinarian and certified free of obvious

clinical signs of infectious and communicable disease. The licensed veterinarian shall then issue a health certificate for each animal.

4. Expenses. All expense incurred by the quarantine and inspection must be borne by the importer.

5. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation found in violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 per day.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires a period of 10 days to pass before an animal could be sold after it is brought into the State. It also requires that a veterinarian inspect the animals after the quarantine period before they can be sold.