

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1228

H. P. 991

House of Representatives, March 15, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Austin of Bingham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to Registration of Commercial and Custom Establishments
under the Maine Meat Inspection Act.**

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

22 MRSA §§ 2558 and 2559 are enacted to read:

§ 2558. Registration of commercial establishments

No person, firm or corporation shall operate a commercial slaughterhouse or commercial meat processing establishment unless the establishment is registered by the commissioner.

A commercial slaughterhouse or commercial meat processing establishment is defined as the place where commercial slaughter or commercial preparation of meat or meat food products is performed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

An application for registration or renewal of registration shall be made on or before September 1st of each year on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The registration shall be approved after the commissioner is satisfied that there is compliance with the regulations governing these operations. A fee of \$5 shall be paid for each registration or renewal.

Each registration shall cover a group of buildings or parts thereof, in one location, constituting the commercial slaughterhouse or commercial meat processing establishment owned by the registrant.

§ 2559. Registration of custom establishments

No person, firm or corporation shall operate a custom slaughterhouse or custom meat processing establishment unless the establishment is registered by the commissioner.

A custom slaughterhouse or custom meat processing establishment is defined as the place where custom slaughter or custom preparation of meat or meat food products is performed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

An application for registration or renewal of registration shall be made on or before September 1st of each year on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The registration shall be approved after the commissioner is satisfied that there is compliance with the regulations governing these operations. A fee of \$5 shall be paid for each registration or renewal.

Each registration shall cover a group of buildings or parts thereof, in one location, constituting the custom slaughterhouse or custom meat processing establishment owned by the registrant.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for the annual registration of all commercial and custom slaughterhouses and meat processing establishments. The purpose of this legislation is to serve as an incentive to covered operators to make known their intentions to operate, location of the operations, scope of the operations, and intent to operate according to the provisions of the Maine Meat Inspection Act, and provides a more workable approach to the enforcement of the provisions of the Maine Meat Inspection Act in the intrastate commerce of meat and meat food products and the custom exempt provisions. Annual revenue of approximately \$500 will cover part of the cost of administration.