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9 S.P. 802

In Senate, February 29, 1984

10 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
11 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

13 Cosponsor: Representative Carroll of Limerick.

14 STATE OF MAINE  
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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19 AN ACT Concerning Brucellosis in  
20 Livestock.  
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22 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
23 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
24 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

25 Whereas, the law relating to vaccination current-  
26 ly impedes the flow of the stock products in the  
27 State; and

28 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
29 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
30 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
31 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
32 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
33 therefore,

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

1           7 MRSA §1812, as amended by PL 1981, c. 197, §2,  
2 is further amended to read:

3       §1812. Brucellosis

4           The commissioner shall, in a manner consistent  
5 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,  
6 chapter 375, formulate and implement rules, regula-  
7 tions and methods of procedure generally adopted for  
8 the prevention, control and eradication of brucello-  
9 sis.

10           All female cattle born in the State after January  
11 1, 1982, and all female cattle born after January 1,  
12 1982 brought into the State under 120 days of age  
13 that are not officially vaccinated, shall be vacci-  
14 nated against brucellosis between the ages of 120 and  
15 240 days if they are to be sold for purposes other  
16 than immediate slaughter. This shall not be construed  
17 to prohibit the sale of any female calf under the age  
18 of 120 days.

19           All female cattle brought into the State born af-  
20 ter January 1, 1982, shall have been officially vac-  
21 cinated against brucellosis, except in the case of  
22 calves under 120 days of age and except in the case  
23 of cattle brought in for immediate slaughter.

24           For the prevention and, control and eradication  
25 of brucellosis, the commissioner or his agent in  
26 charge of livestock sanitary work shall continue to  
27 conduct recognized tests on all the herds in the  
28 State. Such tests shall be conducted by regularly em-  
29 ployed federal or state veterinarians or technicians  
30 or authorized veterinarians and tested by the state  
31 laboratory. All animals showing a positive reaction  
32 to the test shall be identified by a "reactor" ear  
33 tag and brand and shall be slaughtered, except vacci-  
34 nated animals under 20 months of age.

35           Officially vaccinated calves, if purebred, shall  
36 be properly identified by ear tag or registration pa-  
37 pers or tattoo number. Grade animals shall be tagged.  
38 All officially vaccinated calves must be tattooed  
39 with the official state tattoo mark. Evidence of vac-  
40 cination shall be the official state tattoo mark and  
41 either a vaccination ear tag or a tattoo number.

