

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

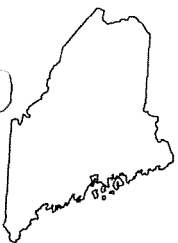
Presented by Representative TARDY of Palmyra.

Cosponsored by Representative McGOWAN of Canaan, Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo and Representative HUSSEY of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act Regarding the Consignment or Rental of Diseased Horses.



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

3 **17 MRSA §1012**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 383, §4, is
amended to read:

5 **§1012. Unlawful sale, consignment or rental of diseased horses**

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9 1. **Unlawful sale, consignment or rental of diseased**
11 **horses.** A person is guilty of unlawful sale, consignment or
13 rental of diseased horses if he that person receives, offers for
sale or sells at private sale or public auction, consigns or
15 rents any horse which, by reason of debility, disease or lameness
or for other cause could not be worked in the State without
violating the laws against cruelty to animals.

17 2. **Penalty.** Unlawful sale, consignment or rental of
diseased horses is a Class E crime.

19 3. **Violation.** Any licensed auctioneer violating this
section may be punished by loss of license in addition to other
21 penalties provided by law.

23 4. **Exception.** This section shall not be construed to
25 prohibit the sale to or the purchase of horses by humane
societies.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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31 Existing law does not allow the sale of diseased horses but
does not prohibit the renting of diseased horses for riding and
33 other uses at summer camps and other recreational uses. This
bill prohibits the sale, rental or consignment of diseased horses.