

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 7, 2013

### **An Act Concerning Brucellosis Vaccines for Cattle**

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Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAY of Palmyra.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GIFFORD of Lincoln, SAUCIER of Presque Isle.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §1812, 2nd ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 446, §2,  
3 is amended to read:

4 ~~Female cattle~~ Cattle brought into the State may enter ~~without having been vaccinated~~  
5 ~~for brucellosis, provided they are imported from brucellosis free states and countries~~  
6 ~~pursuant to the provisions of 9 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 78. In order to import~~  
7 ~~female cattle over 120 days of age from class A and B states as defined in the 9 Code of~~  
8 ~~Federal Regulations, Part 78, those cattle must be vaccinated for brucellosis before~~  
9 ~~entering the State.~~

10 **Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §1812, 5th ¶**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 572, §42, is repealed.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 Current law refers to a federal brucellosis classification that will be revised in 2014.  
13 This bill removes reference to Class A and B and refers to 9 Code of Federal Regulations,  
14 Part 78 as the means for allowing brucellosis-free cattle to be brought into the State, to  
15 prevent the necessity of revision in the near future.

16 The bill removes the requirements that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation  
17 and Forestry maintain inventory of and distribute brucellosis vaccine to accredited  
18 veterinarians and establish fees to cover associated costs.