

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 21.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled an act, to extirpate
Contagious Diseases among Cattle.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter 138 of Public Laws
2 of 1877 as amended by chapter 177 of Public Laws of
3 1889 is hereby amended by striking out the words "other
4 live stock" in the fourth line, and inserting instead the
5 words 'horses and sheep' so that said section as amended
6 shall read as follows :

'Section 1. That for the purpose of facilitating and
8 encouraging the live stock interests of Maine, and for
9 extirpating all insidious, infectious and contagious dis-

10 eases, now or that may be among cattle and horses and
11 sheep and especially tuberculosis, the governor of the
12 State is hereby authorized and required, immediately
13 after the passage of this act, to appoint a board of cattle
14 commissioners consisting of three persons of known
15 ability, who shall be charged with execution of the pro-
16 visions of this act, and who shall be known and designated
17 as the State of Maine Cattle Commission, and whose
18 powers and duties shall be those provided for in this act,
19 and whose tenure of office shall be at the option of the
20 governor. The compensation of said commissioners shall
21 be at the rate of three dollars per day during the time
22 they are actually engaged in the discharge of their duties
23 as commissioners. The said commissioners shall respect-
24 ively take an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their
25 office, and shall immediately organize as such commission
26 by the election of one of their number as president thereof,
27 and proceed forthwith to the discharge of the duties
28 devolved upon them by the provisions of this act.'

SECT. 2. Section two of said act is hereby amended by
2 striking out the word "two" in the twenty-fifth line and
3 inserting instead thereof the word 'one.' And by strik-
4 ing out the words "one hundred" in the twenty-eighth
5 line and inserting instead thereof the word 'fifty.' Also
6 striking out the word "one" in the thirty-third line and
7 inserting instead thereof the word 'three.' Also by
8 inserting after the word "disease" in the thirty-fourth
9 line the words 'and the owner or owners shall furnish

10 satisfactory evidence as to the time such animal or animals
11 shall have been owned in the State.' So that said section
12 two as amended shall read as follows :

'Section 2. That it shall be the duties of the said com-
14 missioners to cause investigation to be made as to the
15 existence of tuberculosis, pleuro-pneumonia, foot and
16 mouth disease, and any other infectious or contagious
17 diseases. And such commissioners or their duly consti-
18 tuted agent are hereby authorized to enter any premises
19 or places, including stock yards, cars and vessels within
20 any county or part of the State in or at which they have
21 reason to believe there exists any such diseases, and to
22 make search, investigation and inquiry, in regard to the
23 existence thereof. Upon the discovery of the existence
24 of any of the said diseases, the said commissioners are
25 hereby authorized to give notice, by publication, of the
26 existence of such disease, and the locality thereof, in such
27 newspapers as they may select, and to notify in writing,
28 the officials or agents of any railroad, steamboat, or other
29 transportation company, doing business in or through
30 such infected locality, of the existence of such disease ;
31 and are hereby authorized and required to establish and
32 maintain such quarantine of animals, places, premises or
33 localities, as they may deem necessary to prevent the
34 spread of any such disease, and also to cause the appraisal
35 of the animal or animals affected with the said disease, in
36 accordance with such rules and regulations by them, as
37 hereinafter authorized and provided, and also to cause

38 the same to be destroyed, and to pay the owner or owners
39 thereof one-half of their value, as determined upon the
40 basis of health before infection, out of any moneys appro-
41 priated by the legislature for that purpose: *provided*,
42 *however*, that no appraised value shall be more than one
43 hundred dollars for an animal with pedigree recorded or
44 recordable in the recognized herd-books of the breed in
45 which the animal destroyed may belong, nor more than
46 fifty dollars for an animal which has no recordable pedi-
47 gree; provided further, that in no case shall compensa-
48 tion be allowed for an animal destroyed under the pro-
49 visions of this act, which may have contracted or been
50 exposed to such disease in a foreign country, or on the high
51 seas, or that may have been brought into this State within
52 three years previous to such animal's showing evidence
53 of such disease; and the owner or owners shall furnish
54 satisfactory evidence as to the time such animal or animals
55 shall have owned in the State; nor shall compensation
56 be allowed to any owner who in person, or by agent,
57 knowingly and willfully conceals the existence of such
58 disease, or the fact of exposure thereto in animals of
59 which the person making such concealment by himself or
60 agent, is in whole or part owner.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 3, 1893.

Reported by Mr. WIGGIN from Committee on Agriculture, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.