

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 99.

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 one hundred and
2 seventy-seven of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred
3 and eighty-nine, is hereby amended by striking out the
4 words “and other live stock” in the fourth line, and insert-
5 ing instead the words ‘horses and sheep’ so that said
6 section as amended 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, 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 executive ability, who shall be charged with the execu-
16 tion of the provisions of this act, and who shall be known
17 and designated as the State of Maine Cattle Commission,
18 and whose powers and duties shall be those pro-
19 vided for in this act, and whose tenure of office shall be
20 at the option of the governor.

The compensation of said commissioners shall be at the
22 rate of three dollars per day during the time they are
23 actually engaged in the discharge of their duties as com-
24 missioners. The said commissioners shall respectively
25 take an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their
26 office, and shall immediately organize as such commission
27 by the election of one of their number as president there-
28 of, and proceed forthwith to the discharge of the duties
29 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-ninth line,
3 and inserting instead thereof the word 'one;' and by
4 striking out the words "one hundred," in the thirtieth
5 and thirty-first lines, and inserting instead thereof the
6 word 'fifty;' also by striking out the word "one" in the
7 thirty-sixth line, and inserting instead thereof the word
8 'three;' also by inserting after the word "disease" in the
9 thirty-seventh line the words: 'and the owner or owners
10 shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the time such
11 animal or animals shall have been owned in the State,' so

12 that said section 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 dis-
17 eases. 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
21 have reason to believe there exists any such diseases,
22 and to make search, investigation and inquiry in
23 regard to the existence thereof. Upon the discov-
24 ery of the existence of any of the said diseases, the
25 said commissioners are hereby authorized to give notice,
26 by publication, of the existence of such disease and the
27 locality thereof, in such newspapers as they may select,
28 and to notify in writing the officials or agents of any rail-
29 road, steamboat, or other transportation company doing
30 business in or through such infected locality, of the exist-
31 ence of such disease; and are hereby authorized and
32 required to establish and maintain such quarantine of
33 animals, places, premises, or localities as they may deem
34 necessary to prevent the spread of any such disease, and
35 also to cause the appraisal of the animal or animals
36 affected with the said disease, in accordance with such
37 rules and regulations by them, as hereinafter authorized
38 and provided, and also to cause the same to be destroyed
39 and to pay the owner or owners thereof one-half of their

40 value, as determined upon the basis of health before
41 infection, out of any moneys appropriated by the legisla-
42 ture for that purpose; *provided, however*, that no ap-
43 praised value shall be more than one hundred dollars for
44 an animal with pedigree recorded or recordable in the
45 recognized herd books of the breed in which the animal
46 destroyed may belong, nor more than fifty dollars for an
47 animal which has no recordable pedigree; *provided*
48 *further*, that in no case shall compensation be allowed for
49 an animal destroyed under the provisions of this act,
50 which may have contracted or been exposed to such dis-
51 ease in a foreign country, or on the high seas, or that
52 may have been brought into this State within three years
53 previous to such animal's showing evidence of such dis-
54 ease; and the owner or owners shall furnish satisfactory
55 evidence as to the time such animal or animals shall have
56 been owned in the State; nor shall compensation be
57 allowed to any owner who in person, or by agent, know-
58 ingly and wilfully conceals the existence of such disease,
59 or the fact of exposure thereto in animals of which the
60 person making such concealment by himself or agent, is
61 in whole or part owner.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 27, 1893.

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KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.