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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 48

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to amend section thirty-five of chapter one hundred twenty-four of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter twenty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-one, relating to the transportation of animals.

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

Section thirty-five of chapter one hundred twenty-four of 2 the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter twenty-five of 3 the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-one is hereby

- 4 amended by substituting for the words "shall in all cases" in
- 5 line twelve thereof the word 'may' and by inserting before
- 6 "separate" in line thirteen thereof, the words 'shall be,' and
- 7 by adding to the sentence ending with the word "muzzled"

8 in line fifteen thereof, the clause 'except that calves, for a 9 period not to exceed twenty-four hours may be transported 10 in a separate apartment,' so that said section shall read as 11 follows:

Railroad companies within the State shall give 13 cars containing cattle, sheep, swine, or other animals, a con-14 tinuous passage in preference to other freight; and cars 15 loaded with such animals at any station shall take precedence 16 over all other freight. A greater number of animals shall 17 not be loaded into any car than can stand comfortably therein. 18 Animals of one kind only shall be loaded in the same apart-19 ment. Young animals shall not be loaded in the same apart-20 ment with those larger and mature, except in case of dams 21 with their own and other sucklings which may be transported 22 in the same apartment and shall be separate from other 23 animals. Calves shall have free access to their dams and 24 shall not be muzzled, except that calves for a period not to 25 exceed twenty-four hours may be transported in a separate 26 apartment. During December, January, February and March 27 cars used for the transportation of animals shall be sufficiently 28 boarded on the sides and ends to afford proper protection to 29 such animals in case of storms and severely cold weather.'

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STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Representatives,
Augusta, February 4, 1903.

Reported by Mr. LEAVITT of Turner, from Committee on Agriculture, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.