

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 187

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases among  
animals.

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

Chapter 194 of the Special Laws of 1893 is hereby amended  
2 by adding the following:

‘Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to move  
4 any female cattle from one town to another or from one part  
5 of the State to another part of the State if such cattle are  
6 destined to leave the State, unless they are accompanied by  
7 a certificate of health issued by the State Board of Cattle  
8 Commissioners or one of its authorized agents, stating that  
9 they have been tested and found free from any contagious dis-  
10 ease. Nor shall any person keep for service any bull which has  
11 arrived at the age of one year which has not been tested and

12 a certificate of health given. In each and every case where  
13 an animal is tested and found to be diseased it shall be the  
14 duty of one of the members of the Cattle Commission to per-  
15 sonally supervise the thorough and complete disinfecting, by  
16 such means, methods and agencies as the best authorities  
17 recognize most effective, of all buildings from which said  
18 animal or animals were taken or have been confined.

'Sect. 2. All horses coming into the State of Maine for  
20 sale shall be examined before being offered for sale, by the  
21 State Cattle Commission or one of their authorized agents,  
22 by such tests and regulations as they may accept. All ani-  
23 mals so tested and found diseased shall be disposed of accord-  
24 ing to the laws of this State. All expenses of testing shall  
25 be borne by the owner or owners of said animals.

'Sect. 3. A true copy of all tests made by any agent acting  
27 under or for the Cattle Commission of the State of Maine  
28 shall be sent to one of the members of said commission. Any  
29 one violating any of the provisions of this act shall be pun-  
30 ished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hun-  
31 dred dollars.

'Sect. 4. Any one acting for the Cattle Commission under  
33 this act who shall wilfully make any false return shall be  
34 punished by a fine from twenty-five to one hundred dollars,  
35 or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty days, or both.

'Sect. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this  
37 act are hereby repealed.

'Sect. 6. This act shall take effect May first, one thousand  
39 nine hundred and three.'



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 11, 1903.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.