

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 289

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT in addition to chapter nineteen of the Revised Statutes relating to contagious diseases among cattle.

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

Section 1. It shall be the duties of the assessors of all 2 cities, towns and plantations to keep a record of all pure 3 blooded cattle kept for breeding purposes, and shall report 4 to the secretary of the cattle commissioners on or before the 5 first day of July of each year, the name of the owner, num-6 ber of each herd, age and sex, such reports to be made upon 7 blanks furnished by the cattle commissioners.

Sect. 2. All persons selling pure blooded cattle or cattle 2 represented to be pure blooded, for breeding purposes, shall, 3 before delivery, make a report to said commissioners on

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4 blanks furnished by them on application, stating the number 5 of cattle sold, their age and sex and to whom sold, and before 6 delivery thereof such cattle shall be tested with tuberculin 7 and a certificate of health be given by said commissioners or 8 some person duly authorized by them to the seller and pur-9 chaser.

Sect. 3. Any person bringing pure blooded cattle into this 2 State for breeding purposes shall report to the commissioners 3 the name and residence of seller, number purchased, age and 4 sex upon blanks furnished by the commissioners upon appli-5 cation. Such cattle shall remain upon the purchaser's 6 premises thirty days from date of arrival and within that 7 time be tested by order of the commissioners. But nothing 8 herein contained shall be construed as requiring the testing 9 of calves under four months old.

Sect. 4. Any common carrier bringing cattle from outside 2 the State consigned to any point in the State, shall, by its 3 servants or agents, within twenty-four hours after their 4 arrival at the point of destination, make a report to the secre-5 tary of the board of cattle commissioners, stating the number 6 of cattle, from whom and to whom shipped, and if accom-7 panied by permit by whom such permit is signed.

Sect. 5. Whoever violates any provision of the three pre-2 ceding sections shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars for 3 each offence. .

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House of Representatives, Augusta, March 1, 1905.

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E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.