

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 92

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the protection of shippers and butchers.

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

Section 1. A person shipping cattle subject to the tuber-
2 culin test, to the quarantine station at Watertown, Brighton
3 or Somerville or to any other city or town in Massachusetts
4 which does not accept a Maine test, may, if any such cattle
5 respond to such test, and if the Massachusetts board of cattle
6 commissioners condemn or refuse to accept them, sell such
7 condemned cattle for the highest price obtainable under the
8 Massachusetts regulations; and within twenty days from
9 shipment from this state, report to the Maine board of cattle
10 commissioners, stating when such cattle were so shipped,
11 from whom purchased, the amount received when sold in

12 Massachusetts, the number of each animal as shown by a tag
13 placed in its ear before it left this state (which must agree
14 with a record kept by the shipper), and such other informa-
15 tion as the Maine board may require.

Sect. 2. Upon the rejection of cattle by the Massachu-
2 setts board, the Maine board shall request it to fill out a cer-
3 tificate giving the number and description of each animal,
4 the shipper's name and the cause of rejection, and to return
5 such certificate to the Maine board.

Sect. 3. After making the report as provided in Section
2 one to the satisfaction of the Maine board, the shipper shall
3 be entitled to receive fifty per cent. of the purchase price of
4 each such animal, less the amount received therefor in Mas-
5 sachusetts; but in no case shall such per cent. be reckoned
6 on a sum greater than fifty dollars.

Sect. 4. A person who slaughters in this state cattle pur-
2 chased here by him within twenty days previous to such
3 slaughter, and finds the same diseased with tuberculosis, may
4 report in writing to the board within five days from such
5 slaughter, stating when and from whom such cattle were
6 bought, the price paid and such other information as the
7 board may require, and after making such report such person
8 shall be entitled to receive fifty per cent. of the purchase
9 price; but in no case shall such per cent. be reckoned on a
10 sum greater than fifty dollars. Such cattle shall be disposed
11 of at the owner's expense under such regulations as the
12 board may make, but the owner shall have the hides.

Sect. 5. Within sixty days of the receipt by the board of
2 the report in accordance with Sections one and four, the
3 amount each such owner is entitled to receive under such
4 sections shall be paid him by the state upon an order signed
5 by the commissioner in charge and countersigned by the sec-
6 retary of the board.

Sect. 6. A person who knowingly makes a false report to
2 the board under sections one and four shall be fined not more
3 than two hundred dollars nor less than one hundred dollars
4 for each offense. Prosecutions for such offenses shall be
5 commenced within one year from the commission thereof and
6 justices of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction with
7 the county court.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 1, 1907.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. MURPHY of Portland and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*