

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 39

STATE OF MAINE.

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

An Act in addition to Chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to contagious diseases among cattle.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. All so called pure blood or registered cattle
2 and all grade cattle used for breeding or dairying purposes
3 that are to be shown in competition for prizes at State agri-
4 cultural shows in the State, shall be tested with tuberculin,
5 within six months of the opening date of the exhibition
6 where they are to be shown. Such test shall be made under
7 the direction of the State of Maine Cattle Commission, who
8 shall furnish a Certificate of Test, to the owner or owners
9 of such animals.

Agricultural Associations, who receive any aid from the
11 State, shall demand a Certificate of Test, duly authorized by
12 the State of Maine Cattle Commission, from owners, of cat-
13 tle that are to compete for prizes, in accordance with the
14 above, under penalty of forfeiture of such aid. Calves un-
15 der four months old, excepted.

Sect. 2. When the owner or owners of grade cattle shall
2 make application to the State of Maine Cattle Commission,
3 to have their cattle tested with tuberculin, the said Commis-
4 sioners shall cause such test to be applied and the same shall
5 be paid for, out of the funds appropriated for the use of the
6 State of Maine Cattle Commission. Provided, however, that
7 no tests of grade cattle shall be made at the expense of the
8 State of Maine at periods of less time than twelve months.

The said Commissioners shall make all needful rules, and
10 regulations as to the manner in which application shall be
11 made to them, the manner in which the test shall be applied
12 and shall not be held responsible for any private test made.

Sect. 3. All grade cattle condemned by the State of
2 Maine Cattle Commission and slaughtered under their or-
3 ders shall be appraised at a fair market value not to exceed
4 fifty dollars, and shall be paid for at the appraised value out
5 of the funds appropriated for the use of said Commissioners.

Sect. 4. Whenever it has been determined that an animal
2 is diseased with tuberculosis and when it shall have been
3 condemned and slaughtered under the direction of the Cat-
4 tle Commissioners, then said Commissioners shall thorough-

5 ly and effectively disinfect the stable where such animal has
6 been kept or cause the same to be done by a competent agent
7 in the employ of said Commissioners, and the expense incur-
8 red on account of such disinfection shall be paid for out of
9 the appropriation allowed for the use of the Cattle Commis-
10 sioners.

Sect. 5. Whenever a person shall ship cattle subject to
2 the tuberculin test, to the quarantine station at Brighton,
3 Massachusetts, and any such cattle respond to such test and
4 the inspector for the Cattle Bureau of Massachusetts shall
5 find, upon post mortem examination that such cattle were
6 diseased with tuberculosis, and will so state in writing within
7 twenty days from shipment from the state, to the Maine
8 Board of Cattle Commissioners; and shall also give in writ-
9 ing the description of such animal and the name of the own-
10 er or shipper; the place from which the same was shipped
11 and the fair market value of such animal, not to exceed
12 fifty dollars, and shall also comply with any other regulation
13 that the Maine Board of Cattle Commissioners may require;
14 the shipper shall be entitled to receive a fair market value,
15 not to exceed fifty dollars, for said animal but in no case shall
16 he be paid for any animal condemned under the provisions
17 of this section until he has filed with the Cattle Commis-
18 sioners a claim stating the name of the shipper, his post
19 office address, place and date of shipment, price paid for said
20 animal, name of person from whom said animal was pur-
21 chased and such other information as the Maine Board of

22 Cattle Commissioners may require, and such claim shall be
23 accompanied in every instance with a sale ticket for such
24 part of the animal as may be sold, and the amount received
25 from such sale shall be deducted from the appraised value
26 due the owner of the condemned animal.

Sect. 6. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the
2 provisions of this act, the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars
3 for nineteen hundred and nine and a like amount for nine-
4 teen hundred ten or as much thereof as may be necessary,
5 is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not
6 otherwise appropriated.

Sect. 7. Chapter fifty-seven of the Public Laws of 1907
2 and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are
3 hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Jan. 28, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. MOULTON of Cumberland and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.