

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 626

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the transportation of animals.

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

Section 1. Section forty-two of chapter one hundred and
2 twenty-five of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by
3 striking out the word "twenty" in the second line thereof
4 and the word "twenty" in the eighth line thereof and insert-
5 ing in the places thereof the words 'twenty-eight,' so that
6 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 42. Animals coming into the State on the same or
8 connecting roads or other transportation lines, shall, within
9 twenty-eight hours after they were loaded, be unloaded,
10 comfortably yarded, and in cold or inclement weather, com-

11 fortably sheltered, and shall be furnished with a sufficient
12 quantity of proper food and good water; and they shall con-
13 tinue so yarded or sheltered, fed and watered for a reason-
14 able time. And all animals in transit within the State shall
15 be so unloaded, yarded or sheltered, fed and watered every
16 twenty-eight hours, unless delayed by accident or other un-
17 avoidable circumstances. Animals arriving at their des-
18 tination within the State, or for embarkation on steamers
19 between the hours of three in the forenoon and six in the
20 afternoon, shall be so unloaded, yarded or sheltered, fed and
21 watered within six hours thereafter and before embarka-
22 tion. And animals arriving between the hours of six in
23 the afternoon and three in the forenoon, shall be so unloaded,
24 yarded or sheltered, fed and watered before nine o'clock in
25 the forenoon following, and before embarkation, if remain-
26 ing in the State. The railroad company or transportation line
27 having animals in charge within the State at the expiration
28 of the limit of time herein specified for unloading, feeding
29 and watering, is liable to the penalties herein specified, for
30 such neglect.'

Sect. 2. Upon the written request of the owner or person
2 in custody of any particular shipment of animals, which
3 written request shall be separate and apart from any printed
4 bill of lading or any railroad form, the time of confinement
5 of any particular shipment of animals may be extended to
6 thirty-six hours, and it shall not be required that sheep be

7 unloaded in the night time, but where the time expires in
8 the night time, in case of sheep, the same may continue in
9 transit to a suitable place for unloading, not exceeding, how-
10 ever, the limitation of thirty-six hours during which they
11 may be confined.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 13, 1909.

Reported by Mr. MILLETT from Committee on Agriculture
and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON. *Clerk.*