

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 630

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT in addition to Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, re-  
lating to contagious diseases among cattle.

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

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

10 any aid from the State, shall demand a certificate of test, duly  
11 authorized by the State of Maine Cattle Commission, from  
12 owners, of cattle that are to compete for prizes, in accordance  
13 with the above, under penalty of forfeiture of such aid.  
14 Calves under 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 when in their judg-  
5 ment necessary, and the same shall be paid for out of the  
6 funds appropriated for the use of the State of Maine Cattle  
7 Commission. Provided, however, that no tests of grade cat-  
8 tle shall be made at the expense of the State of Maine at  
9 periods of less time than twelve months.

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

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

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 Cattle  
4 Commissioners, then said Commissioners shall thoroughly  
5 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 in-  
8 curred 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 the  
2 tuberculin test, to the quarantine station at Brighton, Massa-  
3 chusetts, and any such cattle respond to such test and the  
4 inspector for the Cattle Bureau of Massachusetts shall find,  
5 upon post mortem examination that such cattle were diseased  
6 with tuberculosis, and will so state in writing within twenty  
7 days from shipment from the State, to the Maine Board of  
8 Cattle Commissioners; and shall also give in writing the de-  
9 scription of such animal and the name of the owner or ship-  
10 per; the place from which the same was shipped and the fair  
11 cash value at time condemned 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 provision of  
17 this section until he has filed with the Cattle Commissioners  
18 a claim stating the name of the shipper, his post-office ad-

19 dress, place and date of shipment, price paid for said animal,  
20 name of person from whom said animal was purchased and  
21 such other information as the Maine Board of Cattle Com-  
22 missioners may require, and such claim shall be accompanied  
23 in every instance with a sale ticket for such part of the ani-  
24 mal as may be sold, and the amount received from such sale  
25 shall be deducted from the appraised value due the owner  
26 of the condemned animal.

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

Sect. 7. Chapter Fifty-Seven of the Public Laws of nine-  
2 teen hundred and seven, and all other acts and parts of acts  
3 inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 13, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BLANCHARD from Committee on Agri-  
culture and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*