

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 107

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to establish Public Abattoirs in the cities of the State.

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

Section 1. Each city in the State shall within six months
2 from the passage of this act, establish a public abattoir
3 within its limits with suitable conveniences for the slaughter
4 of such food producing animals as are to be sold within the
5 limits of said city after slaughter.

Such abattoir shall be furnished and kept in a manner satis-
7 factory to the State Board of Health. The State Board of
8 Health shall make all needful rules and regulations for the
9 slaughtering of such animals, the time when inspectors shall
10 be on duty, the price to be paid for the inspection of each ani-
11 mal, the methods and reasons for the rejection and con-

12 demnation of animals and carcasses, the disposal of offal and
13 condemned carcasses, the care and cleansing of abattoirs,
14 the marking, tagging or otherwise identifying the carcasses
15 or parts of carcasses of healthy animals, the arrangements
16 between two adjoining cities for the interchange of healthy
17 and properly marked carcasses, the appointment and removal
18 of inspectors, and for any other reason by them deemed
19 necessary to carry out a system of inspection of animal food
20 products both before and after slaughter which are to be sold
21 for food in the cities of the State. All such rules and regu-
22 lations before they shall become operative, shall be approved
23 by the Governor of Maine and thereafter published and after
24 such publication said rules and regulations shall have the
25 force and effect of law so far as the same are not inconsistent
26 with this act and other laws of the State or the United States.
27 This act shall not interfere with any Federal Government in-
28 spection now in force in the State. All animals whose car-
29 casses are to be sold for food in any city of the State shall be
30 slaughtered at a public abattoir under the rules and regula-
31 tions of the State Board of Health except animals slaught-
32 ered under the present arrangements of the U. S. Bureau of
33 Animal Industry. When the selectmen of any town of the
34 State shall certify to the State Board of Health that they have
35 voted to accept the provisions of this act, then the force and
36 effect of this act shall be applied to such town.

Sect. 2. Whoever sells or offers for sale, disposes of or of-
2 fers to dispose of, any carcasses or parts thereof of animal

3 food products that were not slaughtered at a public abattoir,
4 or that do not bear the tag, mark or inspection stamp or
5 means of identifying inspected animals as adopted by the
6 State Board of Health or the Federal Government, in any
7 city of the State, shall be fined not exceeding one hundred
8 dollars for the first offence and not less than two hundred
9 dollars for a second offence. The having in possession, car-
10 casses or parts thereof at meat establishments or by meat
11 peddlers, not having been properly marked, tagged, stamped
12 according to the rules and regulations of the State Board of
13 Health, within the limits of any city of the State, shall be
14 deemed as offering "for sale."

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the several county attor-
2 neys to prosecute all violations of this act which shall be
3 brought to their notice or knowledge by any person making
4 the complaint under oath; and the same shall be heard in any
5 supreme judicial court having jurisdiction in the county in
6 which the violation of this act has been committed.

Sect. 4. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the
2 provisions of this act, the sum of five thousand dollars or so
3 much as is necessary is hereby appropriated out of any
4 moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 3, 1909.

Presented by Mr. HAMILTON of York and on his motion
tabled for printing pending reference to Committee on Agricul-
ture.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.