

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 117

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*In Senate, February 17, 1911.*

*Presented by Mr. Hill of Penobscot and by him laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.*

*W. C. HANSON, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to create a stallion registration board.

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

*Shall Secure a License.*

Section 1. Every person, firm or company standing or  
2 using any stallion or jack for public service in this state,  
3 shall cause the name, description and pedigree of such stal-  
4 lion or jack to be enrolled by a Stallion Registration Board,  
5 hereinafter provided for, and shall secure a license from  
6 said board as provided for in section 4 of this set. All en-  
7 rollment and verification of pedigree shall be done by said  
8 board.

*Stallion Registration Board.*

Sect. 2. In order to carry out the provisions of this act,

2 there shall be constituted a Stallion Registration Board,  
3 whose duty it shall be to verify and register pedigree; to  
4 employ one or more competent graduate veterinarians to  
5 make examination of the stallions for soundness, at one or  
6 more points in each county in the state; to pass upon cer-  
7 tificates of veterinary examinations, to issue stallion license  
8 certificate; to make all necessary rules and regulations; and  
9 to perform such other duties as may be necessary to carry  
10 out and enforce the provisions of this act.

*Member Stallion Registration Board.*

Sect. 3. The Stallion Registration Board shall be com-  
2 posed of the Professor of Veterinary Science at the Uni-  
3 versity of Maine, the Professor of Animal Industry at the  
4 University of Maine and the Commissioner of Agriculture  
5 who shall be secretary and executive officer of this board.  
6 This board shall be authorized to employ such assistance as  
7 they find necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

*To Secure License Certificate.*

Sect. 4. In order to secure the license certificate herein  
2 provided for, the owner shall apply for such to the Stallion  
3 Registration Board, after the stallion or jack has been ex-  
4 amined for soundness. The owner of such stallion or jack  
5 shall furnish to the Stallion Registration Board the veteri-  
6 nary certificate, and book registry certificate of pedigree of  
7 the stallion or jack, and all other necessary papers relating  
8 to his breeding and ownership. Upon verification of pedi-

9 gree and certificate of breeding a stallion or jack certificate  
10 shall be issued to the owner.

Sect. 5. The presence of any one or more of the following  
2 named diseases shall disqualify a stallion or jack for public  
3 service except such stallions or jacks as were in public use  
4 or held for sale for public service at the time of the enact-  
5 ment and passage of this act; such diseases or unsoundness  
6 hereby defined as infectious, contagious or transmissible dis-  
7 eases or unsoundness for the purpose of this act: Cataract,  
8 amaurosis, laryngeal hemiplegia (roaring or whistling),  
9 chorea (St. Vitus dance, crampiness, shivering, spring-  
10 halt) bone spavin, ringbone, sidebone, glanders, farcy, mal-  
11 adie de coit, urethral gleet, mange, melanosis and curb when  
12 accompanied by curby hock. The Stallion Registration  
13 Board is hereby authorized to refuse certificate of enrollment  
14 to any stallion or jack affected with any one of the diseases  
15 specified, and to revoke previously issued stallion license cer-  
16 tificate of any stallion or jack found on examination to be  
17 so affected, except stallions or jacks in the state at the time  
18 of the enactment and passage of this act.

*Disease or deformity of stallion or jack.*

Sect. 6. No stallion or jack shall stand for public service  
2 in the State of Maine which is deformed or so badly dis-  
3 eased as to be in the opinion of the Stallion Registration  
4 Board wholly unfit for breeding purposes, and said board  
5 is hereby authorized to refuse license certificate and regis-  
6 try for said animal.

Sect. 7. No stallion or jack shall stand for public service  
2 in the State of Maine who is so deformed or faulty in con-  
3 formation as to be in the opinion of the Registration Board  
4 wholly unfit for breeding purposes, and in the case of any  
5 trotting bred stallion a certificate may be refused because  
6 of inferior size, if in the opinion of the Stallion Registration  
7 Board, it should not be issued. If the horse is pacing bred,  
8 and is less than 15-1 (fifteen hands one inch) in height, he  
9 shall have a standard record before receiving a license.

*Granting temporary licenses in cases of emergency.*

Sect. 8. The Stallion Registration Board is authorized in  
2 case of emergency to grant temporary license certificates  
3 without veterinary examination upon the receipt of an affida-  
4 vit of the owner to the effect that to the best of his knowledge  
5 and belief said horse or jack is free from infectious, con-  
6 tagious or transmissible disease or unsoundness. Tempo-  
7 rary license certificates shall be valid only until veterinary  
8 examination can reasonably be made.

Stallions or jacks in the state previous to the passage and  
10 enactment of this law shall have described in their license  
11 certificate any hereditary disease or unsoundness referred  
12 to in section 4 of this act.

Sect. 9. No stallion or jack which is not pure bred shall be  
2 imported into this state for breeding purposes.

Sect. 10. No stallion or jack less than three years old that  
2 is neither pure bred nor grade shall be granted a license.

*Posting of license certificates.*

Sect. 11. The owner of any stallion or jack standing for  
 2 public service in this state shall post and keep affixed during  
 3 the entire breeding season copies of the license certificates of  
 4 such stallion or jack, issued under the provisions of this act,  
 5 in a conspicuous place upon the main door leading into the  
 6 stable or building where said stallion or jack stands for pub-  
 7 lic service. Said copies shall be printed in bold face and  
 8 conspicuous type, not smaller than small pica, especially the  
 9 words "pure bred," "grade," etc.

*Form for license certificate.*

Sect. 12. The license certificates issued after proper exam-  
 2 ination for a stallion or jack whose sire and dam are of pure  
 3 breeding and the pedigree of which is registered in a stud  
 4 book recognized by the United States Department of Agri-  
 5 culture, shall be in the following form:

## STALLION REGISTRATION BOARD.

## LICENSE CERTIFICATE OF PURE BRED STALLION OR JACK.

The pedigree of the stallion (name) ..... owned by  
 9 ..... bred by ..... described as follows  
 10 .....color ..... breed ..... foaled in  
 11 the year ..... has been examined by the Stallion Regis-  
 12 tration Board of Maine, and it is hereby certified that the  
 13 said stallion or jack is of pure breeding, is registered in a  
 14 stud book recognized by the Department of Agriculture,  
 15 Washington, D. C. The above named stallion or jack has

16 been examined by the veterinarian appointed by the Stallion  
17 Registration Board, and is reported as free from infectious,  
18 contagious or transmissible diseases or unsoundness (or is  
19 affected with ..... ) and is licensed to stand for public  
20 service in the State of Maine.

(Signed) .....

*Secretary Stallion Registration Board of Maine.*

The license certificate issued after proper examination for  
24 a stallion or jack whose sire or dam, but not both, is of pure  
25 breeding, shall be in the following form :

STALLION REGISTRATION BOARD.

LICENSE CERTIFICATE OF GRADE STALLION OR JACK.

The pedigree of the stallion (name) ..... owned by  
29 ..... bred by ..... described as follows:  
30 .....color.....breed.....foaled in the year....  
31 has been examined by the Stallion Registration Board of  
32 Maine and it is hereby certified that the said stallion or jack  
33 is not of pure breeding and is, therefore, not eligible for  
34 registration in any stud book recognized by the Department  
35 of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The above named stal-  
36 lion or jack has been examined by the veterinarian appoint-  
37 ed by the Stallion Registration Board and is reported free  
38 from infectious, contagious or transmissible diseases or  
39 unsoundness (or is affected with ..... ) and is  
40 licensed to stand for public service in the State of Maine.

(Signed) .....

*Secretary Stallion Registration Board of Maine.*

*Advertising by owner of jack or stallion.*

Sect. 13. Every bill, poster or advertisement, except newspaper advertisements, issued by the owner of any stallion or jack licensed under this act, or used by him for advertising such stallion or jack, shall contain a copy of his license certificate and shall not contain illustrations, pedigrees, or other matter that is untruthful or misleading.

Sect. 14. Newspaper advertising shall contain the number and date of license, the words "pure bred," "cross bred" or grade as the case may be, and shall not contain illustrations, pedigrees or other matter that is untruthful or misleading.

*Fee for licensing.*

Sect. 15. A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid to the secretary of the Stallion Board for the veterinary examination and enrollment of each pedigree and the issuance of a license certificate in accordance with the breeding of the stallion as above provided. A fee not exceeding two dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid annually for the renewal of the pedigree certificate and service license. Stallions or jacks shall be examined every three years, until ten years of age, and after the first examination shall be exempt from examination at ten years of age and over.

*Transfer of license.*

Sect. 16. Upon a transfer of the ownership of any stallion or jack licensed under the provisions of this act, the license



3 certificate may be transferred by the secretary of this board  
4 to the transferee upon the submittal of satisfactory proof of  
5 such transfer of ownership and upon the payment of one  
6 (\$1.00) dollar.

*Violation of provisions.*

Sect. 17. Any person or persons knowingly or willingly  
2 violating any of the provisions of this act shall be punished  
3 by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more  
4 than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment for  
5 not less than thirty days or more than six months, or by  
6 fine and imprisonment for each offence.

*Use of funds recovered from violations, etc.*

Sect. 18. All fees provided by this act and all penalties  
2 and costs recovered from violation of any provisions of this  
3 act shall be paid into the state treasury to be kept as a fund  
4 for the use of the Stallion Registration Board in the en-  
5 forcement of this act. Any funds not so used shall be used  
6 to publish reports or bulletins containing lists of stallions  
7 examined; to encourage the horse and mule breeding inter-  
8 ests of this state; to disseminate information pertaining to  
9 horse breeding, and for any other such purposes as may be  
10 necessary to carry out the purposes and enforce the pro-  
11 visions of this act.

*Report of Board.*

Sect. 19. It shall be the duty of this board to make annual  
2 report, including financial statements, to the governor of the

3 state, and all financial records of said board shall be subject  
4 to inspection at any time by the State Auditor.

Sect. 20. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this  
2 act are hereby repealed. This act shall take effect on Sep-  
3 tember first, next after passage and approval.