

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 47

In Senate, Jan. 21, 1913.

Presented by Senator Moulton of Cumberland, and on motion by same senator laid on the table for printing, pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to establish Public Abattoirs in the Cities and Towns
of the State.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Maine as follows:

Section 1. That each city of the State shall within six
2 months of the passage of this act, establish a public abattoir,
3 or slaughter house, within its limits, or with the consent
4 of the Live Stock Sanitary Board, at some other point,
5 with suitable conveniences for the slaughtering of such
6 food producing animals, (cattle, sheep, swine and goats),
7 as are to be sold within their limits after slaughter, that
8 do not come under federal government inspection. When
9 the selectmen of any town shall certify to the Live Stock

10 Sanitary Board that they have voted to accept the provi-
11 sions of this section, then the force and effect of this section
12 shall be applied to such town.

Such public abattoir shall be furnished and kept in a man-
14 ner satisfactory to the Live Stock Sanitary Board.

Such Live Stock Sanitary Board shall consist of the Gov-
16 ernor, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the State Veterin-
17 arian. The Live Stock Sanitary Board shall make all need-
18 ful rules and regulations for the slaughtering of such ani-
19 mals; the time when inspectors shall be on duty; the price
20 to be paid for the inspection of each animal; the method
21 and reasons for the rejection and condemnation of car-
22 casses; the disposal of offal and condemned carcasses; the
23 care and cleansing of abattoirs; the marking, stamping,
24 tagging or otherwise identifying the carcasses or parts of
25 carcasses of healthy animals that are to be sold for food;
26 the arrangements between adjoining cities or towns for
27 the joint use of a public abattoir; the appointment and re-
28 moval of inspectors; the inspection of meat establishments
29 to detect infractions of this act; and for any other purpose
30 deemed necessary by them to carry out an inspection of
31 animal food products, (cattle, sheep, swine and goats,)
32 both before and after slaughter, which are to be sold for
33 food, in the several cities of the State.

All such rules and regulations before they shall become
35 operative, shall be approved by the Governor, and there-
36 after published; and after such publication said rules and

37 regulations shall have the force and effect of law, so far as
 38 the same are not inconsistent with this act and other laws
 39 of the State or of the United States. All animals whose
 40 carcasses are to be sold for food, (cattle, sheep, swine and
 41 goats,) in any of the several cities of the State, shall be
 42 slaughtered at a public abattoir, under the rules and regu-
 43 lations of the Live Stock Sanitary Board, except animals
 44 slaughtered under the inspection of the federal government.

Exception:

When any home grown animal food products, (cattle,
 47 sheep, swine and goats,) are slaughtered by any farmer,
 48 on the farm, and intended for public sale, the same shall
 49 be marked, tagged, stamped or otherwise identified, by the
 50 inspector of the district, upon the presentation of the fol-
 51 lowing certificate:

"I hereby certify that the following described, uninspected,
 53 home grown food products are from animals, slaughtered
 54 by a farmer, on the farm, and that they are sound, health-
 55 ful and wholesome and proper for human food."

Kind of product.....

Amount and weight.....

Signed

The lungs, liver, head, and lymphatic glands held by
 60 natural attachments shall accompany the carcass for the
 61 information of the inspector.

Sect. 2. Whoever sells, or offers for sale, disposes of or
 2 offers to dispose of, any carcass or carcasses or parts there-

3 of of animals food products (cattle, sheep, swine and
4 goats,) not inspected under the rules and regulations of
5 the Live Stock Sanitary Board, and not marked, stamped,
6 tagged or otherwise identified by them, or the federal gov-
7 ernment, in any of the cities of the State, and such other
8 towns as vote to accept the provisions of this section, shall
9 be fined not more than two hundred dollars nor less than
10 one hundred dollars for the first offence; and not less than
11 two hundred dollars for a second or subsequent offence.

The having in possession of carcasses or parts thereof by
13 meat establishments or by meat peddlers, not having been
14 properly marked, stamped, tagged or otherwise identified,
15 according to the rules and regulations of the Live Stock
16 Sanitary Board, or the **federal government, within the**
17 limits of the several cities and towns above mentioned, shall
18 be deemed as **“offering for sale.”**

Nothing in this section shall **interfere with the inspection**
20 now being carried on by the **federal government** in the
21 State.

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

Sect. 4. That for the purpose of carrying into effect, the

2 provisions of this act, the sum of five thousand dollars, or
3 so much of it as shall be necessary, is hereby appropriated
4 out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appro-
5 priated.