

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 212

In Senate, Feb. 5, 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 License Stallions for Public Service.

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

Section 1. Proposed Stallion License Law. Every person, firm or company standing or using any stallion or jack for public service in this State, shall cause the name, description and pedigree of such stallion or jack to be enrolled by a Stallion Registration Board, hereinafter provided for, and shall secure a license from said board as provided for in section 4 of this set. All enrollment and verification of pedigree shall be done by said 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 pedigrees; 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 certi-
7 ficates of veterinary examination; 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.

Sect. 3. The Stallion Registration Board shall be com-
2 posed of the Professor of Veterinary Science at the Univer-
3 sity 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.

Sect. 4. In order to secure the license certificate herein
2 provided for, the owner shall apply for such to the Stal-
3 lion Registration Board after the stallion or jack has been
4 examined for soundness. The owner of such stallion or
5 jack shall furnish to the Stallion Registration Board the
6 veterinary certificate, and book registry certificate of pedi-
7 gree of the stallion or jack, and all other necessary papers
8 relating to his breeding and ownership. Upon verification
9 of pedigree and certificate of breeding a stallion or jack
10 certificate shall be issued to the owner.

Sect. 5. The presence of any one or more of the follow-

2 ing named diseases shall disqualify a stallion or jack for pub-
3 lic service except such stallions or jacks as were in public
4 use or held for sale for public service at the time of the
5 enactment and passage of this act; such diseases or un-
6 soundness hereby defined as infectious, contagious or
7 transmissible diseases or unsoundness for the purpose of
8 this act: Cataract, amaurosis, laryngeal hemiplegia (roar-
9 ing or whistling), chorea (St. Vitus dance; crampiness,
10 shivering, springhalt, bone spavin, ringbone, sidebone,
11 glanders, farcy, maladie de coit, urethral gleet, mange,
12 melanosis and curb when accompanied by curby hock.
13 The Stallion Registration Board is hereby authorized to re-
14 fuse certificate of enrollment to any stallion or jack affected
15 with any one of the diseases specified, and to revoke pre-
16 viously issued stallion license certificate of any stallion or
17 jack found on examination to be so affected, except stal-
18 lions or jacks in the State at the time of the enactment and
19 passage of this act.

Sect. 6. No stallion or jack shall stand for public ser-
2 vice in the State of Maine which is deformed or so badly
3 diseased 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 registry
6 for said animal.

Sect. 7. No stallion or jack shall stand for public ser-
2 vice in the State of Maine who is so deformed or faulty in
3 conformation as to be in the opinion of the Registration

4 Board wholly unfit for breeding purposes and in the case
5 of any trotting bred stallion a certificate may be refused
6 because of inferior size, if in the opinion of the Stallion
7 Registration Board, it should not be issued. If the horse
8 is pacing bred, and is less than 15-1 (fifteen hands one
9 inch) in height, he shall have a standard record before re-
10 ceiving a license.

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

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

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

Sect. 10. No stallion or jack less than three years old
2 that is neither pure bred nor grade at the time of the pas-
3 sage of this act shall be granted a license.

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
4 or such stallion or jack, issued under the provisions of this

5 act in a conspicuous place upon the main door leading into
6 the stables or buildings where said stallion or jack stands for
7 public 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.

Sect. 12. The license certificates issued after proper ex-
2 amination for a stallion or jack whose sire and dam are
3 of pure breeding and the pedigree of which is registered
4 in a stud book recognized by the United States Department
5 of Agriculture, 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
10bred by.....described as
11 follows.....color.....breed.....foaled in the
12 yearhas been examined by the Stallion Registra-
13 tion Board of Maine, and it is hereby certified that the
14 said stallion or jack is of pure breeding, is registered in a
15 stud book recognjzed by the Department of Agriculture,
16 Washington, D. C. The above named stallion or jack has
17 been examined by the veterinarian appointed by the Stal-
18 lion Registration Board, and is reported as free from in-
19 fectious, contagious or transmissible diseases or unsound-
20 ness (or is affected with) and is licensed to stand

21 for public service in the State of Maine.

Date

Signed

Secretary Stallion Registration Board of Maine.

The license certificate issued after proper examination for
26 a stallion or jack whose sire or dam, but not both, is of
27 pure 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
31bred by.....described as
32 follows.....color.....breed.....foaled in the
33 year.....has been examined by the Stallion Registra-
34 tion Board of Maine and it is hereby certified that the
35 said stallion or jack is not of pure breeding and is, there-
36 fore not eligible for registration in any stud book recog-
37 nized by the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
38 The above named stallion or jack has been examined by the
39 veterinarian appointed by the Stallion Registration Board
40 and is reported free from infectious, contagious or trans-
41 missible diseases or unsoundness (or is affected with
42)and is licensed to stand for public service in
43 the State of Maine.

Date

Signed

Secretary Stallion Registration Board of Maine.

Sect. 13. Every bill, poster or advertisement, except

2 newspaper advertisements, issued by the owner of any stal-
3 lion or jack licensed under this set, or used by him for ad-
4 vertising such stallion or jack, shall contain a copy of license
5 certificate and shall contain no illustrations, pedigrees, or
6 other matter that is untruthful or misleading.

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

Sect. 15. A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid
2 to the secretary of the Stallion Board for the veterinary
3 examination and enrollment of each pedigree and the issu-
4 ance of a license certificate in accordance with the breed-
5 ing of the stallion as above provided. A fee not exceeding
6 two dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid annually for the renewal
7 of the pedigree certificate and service license. Stallions or
8 jacks shall be examined every three years, until ten years
9 of age, and after the first examination shall be exempt from
10 examination at ten years of age and over.

Sect. 16. Upon a transfer of the ownership of any stal-
2 lion or jack licensed under the provisions of this act the
3 license certificate may be transferred by the secretary of this
4 board to the transferee upon the submittal of satisfactory
5 proof of such transfer of ownership and upon the payment
6 of one dollar (\$1.00).

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 fine
6 and imprisonment for each offense.

Sect. 18. All fees provided by this act and all penalties
2 and costs received 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
6 used to publish reports or bulletins containing lists of stal-
7 lions examined; to encourage the horse and mule breeding
8 interests of this State; to disseminate information pertain-
9 ing to horse breeding, and for any other such purposes as
10 may be necessary to carry out the purposes and enforce
11 the provisions of this act.

Sect. 19. It shall be the duty of this board to make an-
2 nual report including financial statements to the governor
3 of the State and all financial records of said board shall be
4 subject 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.