

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 545

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*In Senate, March 18, 1913.*

*Reported by Senator Conant from Committee on Agriculture,  
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to License Stallions for Public Service.

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

Section 1. Proposed Stallion License Law. Every per-  
2 son, firm or company standing or using any stallion or jack  
3 for public service in this state, shall cause the name, descrip-  
4 tion and pedigree of such stallion or jack to be enrolled by  
5 a Stallion Registration Board, hereinafter provided for, and  
6 shall secure a license from said board as provided for in  
7 section 4 of this act. All enrollment and verifications of  
8 pedigree shall be done by said board.

Sect. 2. In order to carry out the provisions of this act, there shall be constituted a Stallion Registration Board, whose duty it shall be to verify and register pedigrees; to employ one or more competent graduate veterinarians to make examination of the stallions for soundness, at one or more points in each county in the state; to pass upon certificates of veterinary examination; and issue stallion license certificate; to make all necessary rules and regulations; and to perform such other duties as may be necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of this act.

Sect. 3. The Stallion Registration Board shall be composed of the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, who shall be secretary and executive officer of this board. This board shall be authorized to employ such assistance as they find necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sect. 4. In order to secure the license certificate herein provided for, the owner shall apply for such to the Stallion Registration Board after the stallion or jack has been examined for soundness. The owner of such stallion or jack shall furnish to the Stallion Registration Board the veterinary certificate, and book registry certificate of pedigree of the stallion or jack, and all other necessary papers relating to his breeding and ownership. Upon verification of pedigree and certificate of breeding a stallion or jack, certificate 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), cho-  
9 rea (St. Vitus dance), crampiness, shivering, springhalt,  
10 bone spavin, ringbone, sidebone, glanders, farcy, maladie de  
11 coit, urethral gleet, mange, melanosis and curb when accom-  
12 panied by curby hock. The Stallion Registration Board is  
13 hereby authorized to refuse certificate of enrollment to any  
14 stallion or jack affected with any one of the diseases speci-  
15 fied, and to revoke previously issued stallion license certifi-  
16 cate of any stallion or jack found on examination to be so  
17 affected, except stallions or jacks in the state at the time of  
18 the enactment and passage of this act.

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

Sect. 7. No stallion or jack shall stand for public service  
2 in the state of Maine which 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 inch)  
9 in height, he shall have a standard record before receiving  
10 a license.

Sect. 8. The Stallion Registration Board is authorized,  
2 in case of emergency, to grant temporary license certificates  
3 without veterinary examination upon the receipt of an affi-  
4 davit of the owner to the effect that to the best of his knowl-  
5 edge and belief said horse or jack is free from infectious,  
6 contagious or transmissible disease or unsoundness. Tem-  
7 porary 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 certificates 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  
2 be imported into the 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 passage  
3 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 of 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  
 7 for public service. Said copies shall be printed in bold face  
 8 and conspicuous type, not smaller than small pica, especially  
 9 the words "pure bred," "grade," etc.

Sect. 12. The license certificate issued after proper ex-  
 2 amination for a stallion or jack whose sire and dam are of  
 3 pure breeding and the pedigree of which is registered in a  
 4 stud book recognized by the United States Department of  
 5 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  
 9 by.....bred by.....described as  
 10 follows.....color.....breed.....  
 11 foaled in the year.....has been examined by the Stallion  
 12 Registration Board of Maine, and it is hereby certified that  
 13 the said stallion or jack is of pure breeding, is registered  
 14 in a 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  
 20 public service in 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 pure  
27 breeding, shall be in the following form:

STALLION REGISTRATION BOARD.

LICENSE CERTIFICATE OF GRADE STALLION OR JACK.

The pedigree of the stallion (name).....owned  
31 by.....bred by.....described as  
32 follows.....color.....breed.....  
33 foaled in the year.....has been examined by the Stallion  
34 Registration Board of Maine and it is hereby certified that  
35 the 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 Stallion Registration Board and is reported free from in-  
40 fectious, contagious or transmissible diseases or unsound-  
41 ness (or is affected with.....) and is licensed for  
42 public service in the state of Maine.

Date .....

Signed .....

Secretary Stallion Registration Board  
of Maine.

Sect. 13. Every bill, poster, or advertisement, except news-  
2 paper advertisements, issued by the owner of any stallion  
3 or jack licensed under this act, or used by him for adver-  
4 tising 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 number  
2 and date of license, the words "pre bred," "cross bred" or  
3 "grade" as the case may be, and shall not contain illustra-  
4 tions, pedigrees or other matter that is untruthful or mis-  
5 leading.

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

Sect. 16. Upon the 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 or 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 not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than  
4 two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment for not  
5 less than thirty days or more than six months or by fine and  
6 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 enforce-  
5 ment of this act. Any funds not so used shall be used to  
6 publish reports or bulletins containing lists of stallions ex-  
7 amined; to encourage the horse and mule breeding interests  
8 of this state; to disseminate informtaion pertaining to horse  
9 breeding, and for any other such purposes as may be neces-  
10 sary to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions  
11 of this act.

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 act sand 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.