

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 553

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FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Clerk Pro Tem.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Prevent Milk-Borne Outbreaks of Infectious
Diseases.

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

Section 1. Whenever, in the opinion of any officer or duly
2 authorized inspector or agent of the state board of health,
3 it may be necessary to guard against the spread of any
4 infectious or communicable disease, or to investigate the
5 source of infection of any case or outbreak of said disease,
6 or to facilitate the control of said disease, said officer, in-
7 spector, or agent of said board shall have full power and
8 authority at all times to enter and inspect premises, rooms,
9 carriages, or other places occupied or used in the produc-
10 tion, manufacture, storage, sale, transportation, or distribu-

11 tion of milk, cream, ice-cream, or other dairy product, and
12 to inspect all cans and other utensils or things used in, or
13 appertaining to the work or business.

Sect. 2. When any officer, inspector, or duly authorized
2 agent of the state board of health has reason to believe that
3 the milk, cream, ice-cream, or other dairy product from any
4 farm, home, or other place has been or is contaminated or
5 infected by being handled or otherwise exposed to any per-
6 son who has an infectious or communicable disease, or to
7 any person of whom there is reason to believe he may be
8 an infection carrier, or that the milk is otherwise infected,
9 said officer, inspector, or agent may issue an order prohibit-
10 ing the transportation, sale, distribution, or use of such milk
11 or other dairy product from that farm, home or other place
12 so long as the danger of contamination or infection is be-
13 lieved to exist; but when such order is given the state board
14 of health shall do all it can to determine the time when the
15 danger of transmitting infection has passed, and shall do
16 everything it can do to shorten the period during which the
17 milk or other dairy product shall be debarred or withheld
18 from transportation, sale, distribution, or use.

Sect. 3. Any officer or authorized inspector or agent of
2 the state board of health, may, upon tendering the market
3 price of a sample of milk, cream, ice-cream, or other dairy
4 product, take such sample from any person, firm, corpora-
5 tion, association, or persons, when it is believed that such

6 sample may help in any investigations which it may be
7 thought desirable to make.

Sect. 4. The state board of health is hereby authorized to
2 alter, modify, or make such rules and regulations as may
3 be thought necessary relating to the diseases which it be-
4 lieves may be carried or transmitted through milk or other
5 dairy products, or relating to the ways and means through
6 which the danger of the spread of infection may be pre-
7 vented or lessened, and the methods which shall be followed
8 by any officer, inspector, or agent of the state board of health
9 in the performance of his duties in relation thereto.

Sect. 5. Whoever hinders, obstructs, or interferes with
2 any officer, inspector, or duly authorized agent of the state
3 board of health while in the performance of his duties, or
4 violates or disobeys any of the orders, rules, or regulations
5 which may be made or given by the state board of health
6 or any officer, inspector, or agent thereof, shall be punished
7 by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars,
8 or by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than
9 thirty days.