

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 198

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jordan of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes of 1916,
relative to the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

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

Section 1 is hereby amended by striking out that part of
2 the section beginning at and including the word "and" in
3 the thirteenth line so that said section shall read as follows:

'Section 1. For the purpose of facilitating and encour-
2 aging the live stock interests of the state, and for extirpa-
3 ting all insidious infectious and contagious diseases among
4 cattle, horses, sheep and swine and especially tuberculosis,

5 the governor shall appoint one person of known ability,
6 who shall be charged with the execution of the provisions
7 of this chapter and shall be known and designated as the
8 live stock sanitary commissioner. Before entering upon the
9 duties of the office, he shall give bond to the state in such
10 sum as the governor and council may designate, with sure-
11 ties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in
12 the state, as surety, to be approved by them, for the faithful
13 performance of all duties of his office. He shall hold office
14 for the term of four years unless sooner removed by the
15 governor.'

Section 13 is hereby amended by striking out all of the
2 section beginning at the word "any" in the sixth line so
3 that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 13. The live stock sanitary commissioner shall
2 make all needful rules and regulations as to the manner in
3 which application shall be made to him for the investiga-
4 tion of tuberculosis in the herds of the state; provided,
5 however, that he employ regular skilled veterinarians and
6 shall regulate the way and manner in which the test shall
7 be applied and the state shall not be made responsible for
8 any private test made.'

Section 20 is hereby amended by striking out the words
2 "commissioner of agriculture" in the thirteenth line and
3 inserting the words 'Governor and council,' also in the four-
4 teenth and fifteenth line striking out the words "commis-
5 sioner of agriculture" and inserting the words 'governor

6 and council' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 20. The live stock sanitary commissioner shall
2 make and preserve a full record of all rules and regulations
3 promulgated under the provisions of this chapter, and all
4 payments and expenses incurred hereunder, and all other
5 transactions performed by him, in the discharge of his duties
6 as herein provided; and he shall on or before the first
7 Wednesday in January of each year, and at other times as
8 he may deem conducive to the public interest, or when-
9 ever required by the governor, report to the governor full
10 and accurate accounts of his expenditures and other pro-
11 ceedings under the provisions hereof, and of the condition
12 of any infectious or contagious disease among animals in
13 the state; said report shall be communicated by the governor
14 to the legislature. Whenever the functions of said live
15 stock sanitary commissioner shall be suspended or
16 terminated, he shall turn over to the governor and council
17 all his books, papers, records, and other effects, taking his
18 receipt therefor; and the governor and council shall remain
19 the custodian of the same until such time as the functions
20 of said live stock sanitary commissioner may be restored.'