

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 427

House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1917.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hart of Holden.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Sections Ten, Seventeen and Eighteen of
Chapter Thirty-five of the Revised Statutes of 1916 Relating
to the Importation of Horses and Cattle and also the Testing
of Pure blooded Cattle to be Sold for Breeding Purposes.

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

Section 1. Chapter 35, Section 10, Revised Statutes of
2 1916, is amended by inserting in the sixth line of said sec-
3 tion the words 'or the live stock sanitary commissioner may
4 accept a certificate of health showing satisfactory mallein
5 test or physical examination made by an inspector of the

6 Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States or by a
7 veterinarian whose certificate is approved by the State
8 Official having authority to approve same under the laws of
9 the state from which the animal is shipped,' so that said
10 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 10. Any person or persons bringing horses into the
2 State of Maine must have a permit and shall notify the live
3 stock sanitary commissioner within forty-eight hours after
4 their arrival; the commissioner shall at once cause the same
5 to be examined by a physical examination, or to be tested
6 with mallein or cause the blood test to be used at the ex-
7 pense of the owner, or the live stock sanitary commissioner
8 may accept a certificate of health showing satisfactory mal-
9 lein test or physical examination made by an inspector of the
10 Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States or by a
11 veterinarian whose certificate is approved by the State Of-
12 ficial having authority to approve same under the laws of
13 the state from which the animal is shipped.'

Sect. 2. Chapter 35, Section 17, Revised Statutes of 1916,
2 is amended by striking out in the ninth line the words "one
3 year" and inserting in place therefor 'six months,' so that
4 said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. All persons selling pure blooded cattle, or cat-
2 tle represented to be pure blooded, for breeding purposes,
3 shall before delivery, make a report to the live stock sanitary
4 commissioner upon blanks furnished by him upon applica-
5 tion, stating the number of cattle sold, the age and sex, and

6 to whom sold; before delivery, such cattle shall be tested
7 with tuberculin under the direction of, and a certificate of
8 health given by the live stock sanitary commissioner, unless
9 such a test has been carried out under his direction within
10 one year; but this provision shall not apply to calves less
11 than six months old. Such certificate of health shall be de-
12 livered to the buyer by the seller. Whoever violates any
13 provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not
14 less than twenty-five, or more than fifty dollars for each
15 offense.'

Sect. 3. Chapter 35, Section 18, Revised Statutes of 1916,
2 is amended by striking out in the seventh line of said sec-
3 tion the words "regardless of any other test made," and
4 inserting in the ninth line of said section the words 'or the
5 live stock sanitary commissioner may accept a certificate of
6 health showing satisfactory tuberculin test made by an in-
7 spector of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United
8 States or by a veterinarian whose certificate is approved by
9 the State Official having authority to approve same under
10 the laws of the state from which the animal is shipped,' so
11 that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 18. No neat stock, (calves. cows, steers, oxen or
2 bulls,) or stags of any age, shall be allowed to enter this state
3 from any other state or country either for dairying purposes,
4 breeding purposes or for slaughter, except cattle in transit un-
5 der the control of the federal government, without a permit
6 duly authorized by the live stock sanitary commissioner, which

7 permit shall accompany the shipment. Such animals shall
8 be tested with tuberculin within thirty days of their arrival
9 and shall be held in quarantine upon the premises of the
10 owner until released by the live stock sanitary commissioner,
11 or the live stock sanitary commissioner may accept a certifi-
12 cate of health showing satisfactory tuberculin test made by
13 an inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the
14 United States or by a veterinarian whose certificate is ap-
15 proved by the State Official having authority to approve
16 same under the laws of the state from which the animal is
17 shipped. Whoever violates any provisions of this section
18 shall be punished by a fine as provided in section seventeen.'