

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 429

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1917.*

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

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Baxter of Portland.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Prevent Cruelty to Animals in the Sale and Transportation of Horses.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person holding an  
2 auctioneer's license to receive or offer for sale or to sell at  
3 public auction, or for any person to sell at private sale, any  
4 horse which by reason of debility, disease or lameness or  
5 for other cause, could not be worked in this state without  
6 violating the laws against cruelty to animals, but this sec-  
7 tion shall not be construed to prohibit the sale to, and the

8 purchase of animals by, humane societies incorporated under  
9 the laws of this state for the purpose of humanely killing  
10 the same.

Sect. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to lead, ride  
2 or drive on any public way, for any purpose except that of  
3 conveying the animal to a proper place for its humane keep-  
4 ing or killing, or for medical or surgical treatment, any horse  
5 which, by reason of debility, disease or lameness, or for other  
6 cause, could not be worked in this state without violating  
7 the laws against cruelty to animals.

Sect. 3. Any licensed auctioneer violating any provision  
2 of this act shall forfeit his license, and any person violating  
3 any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not  
4 less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, or by im-  
5 prisonment for not more than six months.