

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

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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. Section one of chapter thirty-five of the Re-
vised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out that part
of the section beginning at and including the word "and" in
the thirteenth line so that said section shall read as fol-
lows:

'Section 1. For the purpose of facilitating and encourag-
ing the live stock interests of the state, and for extirpating
all insidious infectious and contagious diseases among cat-
tle, horses, sheep and swine and especially tuberculosis, the
governor shall appoint one person of known ability, who

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

Sect. 2. Section thirteen of said chapter is hereby amend-
2 ed by striking out all of the section beginning at the word
3 "any" in the sixth line so that said section shall read as fol-
4 lows:

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

Sect. 3. Section twenty of said chapter is hereby amend-
2 ed by striking out the words "commissioner of agriculture"
3 in the thirteenth line and inserting the words "governor and
4 council" in place thereof, also in the fourteenth and fif-

5 tenth lines striking out the words "commissioner of agri-
6 culture" and inserting the words "governor and council,"
7 in place thereof, so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 20. The live stock sanitary commissioner shall make
2 and preserve a full record of all rules and regulations pro-
3 mulgated under the provisions of this chapter, and all pay-
4 ments and expenses incurred hereunder, and all other trans-
5 actions 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 whenever
9 required by the governor, report to the governor full and
10 accurate accounts of his expenditures and other proceed-
11 ings under the provisions hereof, and of the condition of
12 any infectious or contagious disease among animals in the
13 state; said report shall be communicated by the governor to
14 the legislature. Whenever the functions of said live stock
15 sanitary commissioner shall be suspended or terminated, he
16 shall turn over to the governor and council all his books,
17 papers, records, and other effects, taking his receipt there-
18 for; and the governor and council shall remain the custo-
19 dian of the same until such time as the functions of said live
20 stock sanitary commissioner may be restored.'