

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 276

In Senate, March 6, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Conant of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 35, Sections 3 and 9 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the prevention of contagious diseases among animals.

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

Section 1. Chapter 35, Section 3 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 is hereby amended by striking out in the fourteenth line thereof, the word "their" and inserting in place thereof, the words 'one-half their appraised' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Upon the discovery of any disease mentioned in the pre-

ceding section, the live stock sanitary commissioner shall give notice of the existence and the locality thereof, by publication in such newspapers as he may select, and shall notify in writing the officials or agents of any railroad, steamboat or other transportation company, doing business in or through such infected locality, of the existence of such disease; he shall establish and maintain such quarantine of animals, places, premises or localities, as he may deem necessary to prevent the spread of any such disease; he shall cause the animal or animals affected with the said disease, to be appraised in accordance with the rules and regulations made by him, as hereinafter authorized and provided, and shall cause the same to be destroyed, and a proper disposition of the carcass made, according to the rules and regulations aforesaid; he shall pay to the owner or owners thereof one-half their appraised value, as determined at the time of the appraisal, out of any moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose; provided, however, that no appraised value shall be more than one hundred dollars for cattle, with a pedigree recorded, or recordable in the recognized herd books of the breed in which the cattle destroyed may belong, nor more than seventy-five dollars, for the cattle which have no recordable pedigree; and all other animals so destroyed shall be paid for at the rate of one-half their cash value; provided, that no appraised value shall exceed one hundred dollars for any horse condemned; provided, further, that in no case shall compensation be allowed for

29 any animal destroyed under the provisions of this chapter
30 which may have contracted or been exposed to such dis-
31 ease in a foreign country or on the high seas, or that may
32 have been brought into this State, within one year previous
33 to such animal showing evidence of such disease, and the
34 owner or owners thereof shall furnish satisfactory evidence
35 as to the time during which such animal or animals shall
36 have been owned in the State; nor shall compensation be
37 allowed to any owner who in person, or by agent, knowingly
38 and wilfully conceals the existence of such disease, or the
39 fact that of exposure thereto in animals of which the per-
40 son making such concealment, by himself or agent, is in
41 whole or in part owner.'

Sect. 2. Chapter 35, Section 9, is amended by striking out
2 all of said section down to and including the word animal
3 in line twenty-four, so that said section as amended shall
4 read as follows:

'Sect. 9. Cattle reacting to the tuberculin test may be
2 sent to establishments maintaining a U. S. Government meat
3 inspection service, and be killed under Federal government
4 inspection, and be disposed of according to the requirements
5 of the Government Meat Inspection Act.'