

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 123

House of Representatives, February 16, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jordan of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

**AN ACT to Provide for Local Inspection of Slaughter Houses
and Their Products.**

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

Section 1. The live stock sanitary commissioner shall,
2 upon the written nomination and request of the municipal
3 officers of any city or town, appoint one or more qualified
4 and licensed physicians and surgeons or veterinaries or
5 other qualified person, resident in this state, to be agents
6 to inspect, under rules and regulations to be by said com-
7 missioner prescribed, at a post mortem examination thereof,
8 the carcasses of all cattle, sheep and swine about to be
9 prepared for human consumption at any slaughter house,

10 canning, salting, packing or rendering establishment in this
11 state.

Sect. 2. Said examination shall be made in the manner
2 provided by the rules and regulations to be prescribed by
3 said commissioner, and after said examination, the car-
4 casses and products of all cattle, sheep and swine found
5 to be free of disease and wholesome, sound and fit for
6 human food shall be marked, stamped or labeled for iden-
7 tification as may be provided by said rules and regulations
8 of said commissioner.

Sect. 3. Carcasses and products of all cattle, sheep and
2 swine so as aforesaid inspected and found to be fit for
3 human consumption and marked, stamped or labeled in
4 accordance with said rules and regulations may be sold
5 in any city or town in this state, without further inspec-
6 tion or examination and subject only to the provisions of
7 chapter one hundred and thirty of the statutes of nineteen
8 hundred and sixteen.

Sect. 4. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained
2 shall require the inspection of carcasses and products of
3 cattle, sheep and swine duly inspected, marked, stamped
4 and labeled by the agents of the secretary of agriculture,
5 duly appointed and qualified under the laws of the United
6 States of America; and provided further that in the ab-
7 sence of rules and regulations of a local board of health,
8 requiring said inspection, the carcasses and products of
9 cattle, sheep and swine may be sold in the jurisdiction of

10 said local boards of health, without the inspection herein
11 provided.

Sect. 5. Said agents shall be duly sworn to perform
2 faithfully the duties of their office and they shall be paid
3 by the persons, firms or corporations at whose request or
4 on whose behalf said inspection shall be made according
5 to a scale of fees to be fixed and determined by the said
6 live stock sanitary commissioner.

Sect. 6. Any person who shall forge, counterfeit, simu-
2 late, imitate, falsely represent, or use, without authority,
3 or knowingly and wrongfully alter, deface or destroy any
4 of the marks, stamps, or other devices provided for in said
5 rules and regulations, or who shall forge, counterfeit, sim-
6 ulate, imitate, falsely represent, or use without authority,
7 or knowingly and wrongfully deface or destroy any cer-
8 tificate or stamp provided for in said regulations, shall be
9 deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof,
10 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one year or by
11 both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Sect. 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed.