

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 154

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In Senate, Feb. 28, 1923.

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

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Bemis of Somerset.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Requiring the Use of Anesthetics in Certain Operations Upon Dumb Animals.

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

Section 1. (1) If any person shall subject or being the  
2 owner, permit to be subjected, an animal to an operation  
3 contrary to the regulations contained herein, he shall be  
4 guilty of an offence under this act.

(2) No horse, ox, dog, or cat shall be subjected to any  
2 operation specified in section three of this act, unless the  
3 animal is under the influence of a general or local anes-  
4 thetic as specified in said section.

Sect. 2. Any person convicted of a violation of this act

2 shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five  
3 dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or to undergo  
4 imprisonment for a term of not less than ten days nor more  
5 than one year, or both.

Sect. 3. Schedule of operations. General anesthesia: 1,  
2 intra-abdominal operations; 2, ablation of large tumors;  
3 3, radical operation for poll-evil and fistula of the withers;  
4 4, manipulation for the relief of serious dystocias; 5, am-  
5 putations above the fetlock; 6, ablation of the mammae;  
6 7, amputations; 8, spaying females. Local anesthesia: 1,  
7 trephining the skull; 2, neurectomies of the limbs; 3, foot  
8 operations, radical; 4, ablation of small tumors; 5, suturing  
9 wounds; 6, extraction and repulsion of teeth; 7, laryngeal  
10 and tracheal operations; 8, foot operations.