

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**House Document**

**No. 309**

H. P. 950. House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hurd of Berwick.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Increasing the Amount Paid by the State for  
Condemned Cattle.

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

Section three of chapter thirty-five of the revised statutes  
2 as amended by chapters fifty-four and one hundred and  
3 eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and  
4 twenty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out in  
5 the thirteenth and succeeding lines the words: "he shall pay  
6 to the owner or owners, thereof, their value as determined  
7 at the time of appraisal, out of moneys appropriated by the  
8 legislature for that purpose, provided, however, that no ap-  
9 praised value shall be more than one hundred and fifty dol-

10 lars for cattle, with a pedigree recorded, or recordable in  
11 the recognized herd book of the breed in which the cattle  
12 destroyed may belong, nor more than seventy-five dollars,”  
13 and substituting therefor the words: ‘he or his approved  
14 agent shall appraise each animal at its true market value at  
15 the time it is condemned, and shall pay out of any moneys  
16 appropriated by the legislature for that purpose, an indem-  
17 nity, but such indemnity paid by the state shall not exceed  
18 two hundred dollars for cattle, with a pedigree recorded,  
19 or recordable, in the recognized herd book of the breed in  
20 which the cattle destroyed may belong, nor more than one  
21 hundred dollars,’ and also by inserting in the twenty-seventh  
22 line of said section three, after the words “of such disease”  
23 the following: ‘except cattle that are accompanied by tuber-  
24 culin test papers showing that they are from an accredited  
25 herd or a herd under supervision of the state or country  
26 from which they come, tested within one year and no dis-  
27 ease found’; and also by striking out in the twenty-ninth  
28 and succeeding lines after the words “compensation be al-  
29 lowed” the words: “to any owner who in person or by agent,  
30 knowingly or wilfully conceals,” and substituting therefor  
31 the following: ‘for any cattle condemned that have been  
32 illegally brought into any modified accredited area, nor to  
33 any owner who in person or by agent knowingly or wilfully  
34 conceals animals that should be tested,’ so that said section  
35 three, as amended, shall read, as follows:

‘Sect. 3. Notice, by publication, of existence of disease;

2 quarantine of animals and places; appraisal of animals af-  
3 fected.

Upon the discovery of any disease mentioned in the pre-  
2 ceding section, the commissioner of agriculture, or his  
3 agent in charge of live stock sanitary work shall give no-  
4 tice of the existence and the locality thereof, by publica-  
5 tion in such newspapers as he may select, and shall notify  
6 in writing the officials or agents of any railroad, steam-  
7 boat or other transportation company doing business in or  
8 through such infected locality, of the existence of such  
9 disease; he shall establish and maintain such quarantine of  
10 animals, places, premises or localities, as he may deem  
11 necessary to prevent the spread of any such disease; he  
12 shall cause the animal or animals affected with the said  
13 disease, to be appraised in accordance with the rules and  
14 regulations made by him as hereinafter authorized and  
15 provided and shall cause the same to be destroyed and a  
16 proper disposition of the carcass made, according to the  
17 rules and regulations aforesaid; he or his approved agent  
18 shall appraise each animal at its true market value at the  
19 time it is condemned and shall pay out of any moneys ap-  
20 propriated by the legislature for that purpose, an indemnity,  
21 but such indemnity paid by the state shall not exceed two  
22 hundred dollars for cattle with a pedigree recorded, or re-  
23 cordable, in the recognized herd book of the breed in which  
24 the cattle destroyed may belong, nor more than one hun-  
25 dred dollars for cattle which have no recordable pedigree

26 and all other animals so destroyed shall be paid for at the  
27 rate of one-half their cash value; provided that no appraised  
28 value shall exceed one hundred dollars for any horse con-  
29 demned; provided, further, that in no case shall compensa-  
30 tion be allowed for any animal destroyed under the provi-  
31 sion of this chapter, which may have contracted or been ex-  
32 posed to such disease in a foreign country or on the high  
33 seas, or that may have been brought into this state within  
34 one year previous to such animal showing evidence of such  
35 disease, except cattle that are accompanied by tuberculin  
36 test papers showing that they are from an accredited herd,  
37 or a herd under supervision of the state or country from  
38 which they come, tested within one year and no disease  
39 found; and the owner or owners thereof shall furnish sat-  
40 isfactory evidence as to the time during which such animal  
41 or animals shall have been owned in the state; nor shall  
42 compensation be allowed for cattle condemned that have  
43 been illegally brought into any modified accredited area;  
44 nor to any owner who in person, or by agent, knowingly  
45 or wilfully conceals animals that should be tested, the exist-  
46 ence of disease, or the fact of exposure thereto in animals  
47 of which the person making such concealment, by himself  
48 or agent, is in whole or in part owner.'