

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1296

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Wells.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Relating to Bang's Disease.

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

**Sec. I. R. S., c. 40, § 11, amended.** Section 11 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 11. Dairy, breeding, and show cattle to be tested.** All cattle that are to be shown or exhibited, in any state agricultural show, shall be tested with tuberculin, with 3 years of the opening date of the exhibition where they are to be shown; **such cattle except oxen and steers must also show a negative test for Bang's Disease, said test to be made at the state laboratory under direction of the division of animal industry within 60 days prior to the date they are to be shown except that a herd accredited for Bang's Disease can be shown if tested within 1 year and no reactors found.** Such ~~test~~ tests shall be made under the direction of the commissioner of agriculture, who shall furnish a certificate of such ~~test~~ tests to the owner or owners of such animals. State agricultural associations that receive any aid from the state shall demand a certificate of ~~test~~ tests, duly authorized by the commissioner of agriculture, from owners of cattle that are to compete for prizes in accordance with the above, under penalty of forfeiture of such aid; but this provision shall not apply to calves less than 1 year old.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 40, § 17, amended.** Section 17 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'Sec. 17. Permit and test papers required for cattle entering the state.** No cattle shall be allowed to enter this state, from any other state or country, either for dairying purposes, breeding purposes or for slaughter, except cattle in transit under the control of the federal government, without a permit duly authorized by the chief of the division of animal industry, which permit shall accompany the shipment. All such cattle must be accompanied by a copy of a test chart showing that they have passed a tuberculin test within 1 year. If the test chart shows that the cattle came from an accredited herd, or a herd that has passed a clean test under state and federal supervision within 1 year, or from a modified accredited area they will not be under restriction after arrival in the state, otherwise they must be held in quarantine by the owner and tuberculin tested at his expense at the expiration of 60 days from date of arrival. A copy of the test chart accompanying the cattle must be approved by the official in charge of live stock sanitary work in the state of origin and sent to the chief of the division of animal industry, Augusta. On the tuberculin test chart, or on a separate chart, it must also be shown that the cattle brought into the state have passed a negative test for Bang's Disease within 60 days, or within 1 year if coming from a herd in which no positive or suspicious animals were found on last test and a test of all animals over 6 months of age was made within a year. This regulation applies to all cattle brought into the state by any public or private carrier or driven on foot. Calves under 1 year of age need not be tuberculin tested if they come from an accredited herd but a test chart must accompany giving this information. Cattle for immediate slaughter may be brought into the state without test papers provided the permit so states, but they must be consigned to a reliable person or company and slaughtered within 10 days under inspection that shall be acceptable to the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent in charge of live stock sanitary work. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished as provided in section 16.'