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In Senate, February 8, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Osgood of Oxford.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Bang's Disease.

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

R. S., c. 40, § 17, amended. Section 17 of chapter 40 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 106 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'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 livestock 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.~~ all cattle entering the state of Maine, including calves over 6 months of age, but excepting oxen, steers and cattle for immediate slaughter, must come directly from:

(a) Herds which are Bang's disease free accredited and in which all animals in the herd were negative to a test applied within one year of the date of entry and animals for consignment must be negative to a blood test applied within ninety days of date of entry or,

(b) From herds under state and federal supervision for the eradication of Bang's disease wherein the entire herd was negative to a blood test applied within 6 months of the date of entry and the animals for consignment must be negative to a blood test applied within 60 days of the date of entry.

(Note) To entitle animals to entry into Maine from Bang's disease free accredited herds or herds under state or federal supervision the standards for such accreditation or supervision shall be comparable to those in the state where consigned.

(c) Animals not conforming to the above requirements must be negative to the tubè agglutination test for Bang's disease, said test applied within 30 days of the date of entry. All blood must be tested in a laboratory approved by the livestock official of the state in which the laboratory is located.

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.'