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Legislative Document

No. 127

H. P. 351

House of Representatives, January 25, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cousins of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Transportation of Livestock.

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

R. S., c. 127, § 10, amended. Section 10 of chapter 127 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

‘Sec. 10. Transporting of livestock regulated; penalty. Railroad companies transporting livestock within the state shall establish rules and regulations affecting such transportation; the public utilities commission shall have the same jurisdiction over such rules and regulations as it has over rates, rules and regulations affecting the transportation of freight under the provisions of chapter 40 of the revised statutes. ~~give cars containing cattle, sheep, swine, or other animals a continuous passage in preference to other freight; and cars loaded with such animals at any station shall have precedence over all other freight. A greater number of animals shall not be loaded into any car than can stand comfortably therein. Animals of one kind only shall be loaded in the same apartment. Young animals shall not be loaded in the same apartment with those larger and mature, except in case of dams with their own and other sucklings, which shall in all cases be transported in the same apartment and separate from other animals. Calves shall have free access to their dams, and shall not be muzzled,~~ except that for a period of not exceeding

twenty-four hours calves may be transported in a separate compartment. ~~calves, for a period not to exceed 24 hours may be transported in a separate compartment.~~ During December, January, February, and March, cars used for the transportation of ~~animals~~ livestock shall be sufficiently boarded on the sides and ends to afford proper protection to such animals in case of storms or severely cold weather. A railroad company or other transportation line violating any of the provisions of this section, or any valid order of the public utilities commission relative to rules and regulations affecting the transportation of livestock, forfeits not less than \$50, nor more than \$500, for every ~~such~~ offense.'