

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1260

House of Representatives, February 14, 1947.

Transmitted by revisor of statutes pursuant to joint order

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Morison of Wilton (by request).

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Quarantine in Bang's Disease Law.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, § 76, amended.** Section 76 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 275 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 76. Quarantine; penalty.** If it is shown ~~by recognized tests~~ **beyond a reasonable doubt** that Bang's disease exists in a herd, the commissioner, or his duly appointed agent in charge of livestock sanitary work, may place such premises under quarantine by written notice, and no cattle shall be allowed to be removed from the herd while it is under such quarantine, except in accordance with the quarantine terms.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27, § 76-A, additional.** Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 76-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 76-A. Termination of quarantine. When any herd of cows in the state has been adjudged by the animal husbandry expert to be infected with Bang's disease by what is termed the blood agglutination test and quarantine has been placed on said herd and been in effect 1 year or more and all cows having been retained in the herd as of quarantine date, said quarantine shall be terminated under the following conditions:

- I. No cows shall be removed from the herd except upon termination of the quarantine or under the direction of the animal husbandry expert;
- II. All cows in the herd shall have come into normal lactation periods since the date of quarantine and no abortions having occurred on any of said cows prior or subsequent to date of quarantine;
- III. Said quarantine shall be extended 1 year or more or until all cows in the herd shall have calved normally or free from any abortions for the 2nd successive time since quarantine was established.

Upon proof by the owner of the conditions have been complied with, said quarantine shall be terminated.'