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H. P. 1443

House of Representatives, February 17, 1949.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stanley of Porter.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT to Regulate Livestock Community or Commission Auctions.

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

R. S., c. 27, §§ 21-A - 21-F, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 6 new sections to be numbered 21-A to 21-F, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Livestock Community or Commission Auctions

Sec. 31-A. Purpose. Whereas community or commission auctions are increasing throughout the country, and if properly controlled are a benefit to the livestock industry, it is desirable to set up legislation to prohibit the spread of disease and protect the public.

Sec. 31-B. Permit for community or commission auctions. No person, partnership, association or corporation shall hold or conduct community and commission livestock auctions or sales rings without obtaining a permit from the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent. No permit shall be granted unless the buildings are so constructed that they can be readily cleaned and disinfected between each sale, and are so arranged that the chances of spread of disease are held at a minimum.

Sec. 31-C. Bond. The operator shall furnish bond of sufficient size to protect the consignors of the sale. The operator shall keep complete rec-

ords of all sales transactions which shall be available for inspection by the commissioner of agriculture or his agent.

Sec. 31-D. Rules and regulations. The commissioner of agriculture shall make rules and regulations necessary to protect the health of animals going through such sales rings which shall have the power of law as outlined under section 55.

Sec. 31-E. Permit may be cancelled. The permit to operate such sales rings can be cancelled by the commissioner of agriculture or his agent upon due cause after notice and hearing.

Sec. 31-F. Definition. Any place where livestock is offered for private or public auction, the health status of which would not qualify it as originating in clean herds under supervision for tuberculosis and Bang's disease, would be deemed to be a community or commission auction.'