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H. P. 1463

House of Representatives, March 2, 1951.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Campbell of Guilford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relative to the Testing of Cattle.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 73-B, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 73-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 73-B. Agents to test for Bang's disease; appointment; duties; fees. Upon the request of 10 or more farmers or cattle dealers, or both, in any town of the state which is located 5 or more miles from the business establishment of an accredited veterinarian, the commissioner of agriculture shall appoint an agent to draw blood samples from cattle for Bang's disease testing at the state laboratory. The agents so appointed shall be instructed regarding their work by the animal husbandry specialist. However, no agent so appointed shall draw blood samples for Bang's disease tests from livestock owned by himself, his relatives or his employers. The commissioner shall establish an agent's fee of not more than \$1 for every animal so tested. The commissioner of agriculture may disqualify, for cause, any agent so appointed and another may be appointed in his place.'

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