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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Center of Standish

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Stipend to Agricultural Societies.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 16, amended. The 1st 2 paragraphs of section 16 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

‘There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury a sum of money not to exceed 2c per inhabitant of the state, and an additional sum of money equal to 5% of the amount contributed under the provisions of section 16 of chapter 77, and an additional sum of money as provided and limited by the provisions of section 15 of chapter 77, which shall be known as the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies and hereafter designated as the “stipend.” This stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated agricultural clubs, societies and fair associations of the state, hereafter in this chapter designated as “societies,” according to the following schedule and method. Said stipend shall be divided pro rata among the legally incorporated societies, not heretofore provided for, according to the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full and in cash or valuable equivalent by said societies upon horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and agricultural and domestic products, but no such society whether specifically mentioned in this chapter or otherwise shall

be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have complied with the following requirements, which shall be considered by the commissioner as the basis upon which his apportionment of the stipend shall be made as provided in this section. No premiums or gratuities shall be considered by the said commissioner in apportioning the amount of stipend to which any society is entitled except those offered and paid upon horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, vegetables, grain, fruit, flowers, products derived from horses, cattle, sheep, swine, home canned foods, grange exhibits, farm exhibits, boys' and girls' club exhibits, exhibits of the mechanical arts, domestic and fancy articles produced in the farm home, and pulling contests by horses and oxen. No society, the Maine state pomological society excepted, shall receive from the state a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the society as premiums and gratuities in the classes herein provided, and in no case shall any society be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have raised and paid in premiums in the classes heretofore set forth at least \$200. No society shall receive any portion of the stipend in excess of \$10,000, except that such limitation shall not apply to any additional stipend provided for by the provisions of section 15 of chapter 77. No society shall receive any portion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly entered and displayed in an attractive manner upon its exhibition grounds distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits, grains or dairy products, or of subordinate and other granges and 4-H clubs, of a quality acceptable to the commissioner or his regularly authorized agent and of varieties known to be common or standard to the county in which such exhibition is held. No society shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless all cattle to be shown or exhibited shall have come from herds wherein all animals were negative to the tuberculin test within 1 year of the opening date of the show. ~~and unless all cattle to be exhibited (except oxen and steers) are from herds free of Bang's disease (Brucellosis) as shown by the official blood test made within 60 days of the opening date of the show except:~~

- I. ~~Cattle from a certified herd which has shown a clean test within 6 months;~~
- II. ~~Cattle from a certified vaccinated herd tested within 6 months;~~
- III. ~~Cattle from a herd under official supervision which has had 2 negative tests, the last within 90 days of the date of the show; or~~
- IV. ~~Cattle under 6 months of age from herds not under quarantine.~~

~~These provisions shall not apply to officially vaccinated cattle under 24 months of age, nor to officially vaccinated cattle 24 to 36 months of~~

age showing a reaction not higher than incomplete in the dilution of 1-100

All breeding cattle shown or exhibited shall be from herds free from Brucellosis as shown by 2 consecutive tests, the last within 90 days of the date of the show, or from certified herds tested within 6 months of the date of the show.

Officially vaccinated animals under 24 months of age from herds of either status described above, and officially vaccinated animals 24 to 36 months of age from such herds, showing a reaction not higher than incomplete in the dilution of 1-100 shall be considered free of the disease for this purpose.

Cattle under 6 months of age from herds not under quarantine are eligible to be shown.

All female and male goats shown or exhibited shall pass a negative test for Brucellosis within 90 days of the date of the show.

All cattle and goats allowed on the grounds shall conform to the above law.'