

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Legislative Document

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H. P. 496

House of Representatives, February 13, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Leathers of Hermon by request.

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### STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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#### AN ACT Prohibiting Horse-Pulling.

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

**R. S., c. 140, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 2. Cruelty to animals.** Every person, who causes or permits any horse to engage in an exhibition of horse-pulling or who cruelly overdrives, overloads or overworks, who torments, tortures, maims, wounds or deprives of necessary sustenance, or who cruelly beats, mutilates or kills any horse or other animal or causes the same to be done, or having the charge or custody thereof, as owner or otherwise, unnecessarily fails to provide such animal with proper food, drink, shelter and protection from the weather; every person, owning or having the charge or custody of any animal, who knowingly and willfully authorizes or permits the same to suffer tortures or cruelty; and every owner, driver, possessor or person having the custody of an old, maimed, disabled or diseased animal, who cruelly works the same when unfit for labor or who cruelly abandons such animal; and every person who carries or causes to be carried, or has the care of, in or upon a car or other vehicle or otherwise, any animal in a cruel or inhuman manner shall for every such offense be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.'