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H. P. 1020

House of Representatives, April 2, 1957

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lane of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Inspection of Slaughterhouses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, § 251, amended. Section 251 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 107 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'No licensee under section 248 shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered at his slaughterhouse or establishment any animal or animals except in the presence of and with the inspection by a duly qualified veterinarian licensed to practice within the State of Maine. The veterinarian shall carefully examine the carcasses of all animals at the time of slaughter and if in the opinion of such veterinarian the carcass is free of disease, wholesome and fit for food, he shall then cause said carcass to be stamped or branded by a stamp or brand bearing the words "Maine, Inspected, Passed," such stamps or brands shall be uniform in design throughout the State and furnished by the Commissioner of Agriculture. All cost and expense of inspection are to be paid for by the licensee. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any bona fide farmer who butchers, or has butchered for him, animals for his own consumption.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 32, § 251, amended. Section 251 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 107 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by adding after the 1st sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

'Such slaughterhouses shall have a chill room, a cooler and running hot and cold water.'

Sec. 3. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 1958.