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STATE OF MAINE

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Legislative Document

No. 81

S. P. 48

In Senate, January 21, 1959

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hillman of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Regulating Horse and Ox Pulling Contests.

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

R. S., c. 140, § 30, additional. Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 30, to read as follows:

‘Horse and Ox Pulling Contests.

Sec. 30. Horse and ox pulling contests, regulated. It shall be unlawful to permit or stage a performance known as “horse or ox pulling contests” unless conducted under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall make rules and regulations for the conduct of such contests, consistent with humane principles. Any person, association, corporation, trust or partnership desiring to hold such performance shall first apply to the Commissioner of Agriculture for a license to do so. Said application shall be on such form as the said Commissioner of Agriculture shall prescribe, and shall contain, among other things, the following information: Name of applicant, time and place of said performance, under whose auspices said performance is to be conducted, place and time of weighing. Such license, when issued, shall be effective only for the date of such performance, to be set forth in said license, for which applicant shall pay the sum of \$5 to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund. Such license shall be issued only on the condition, which shall be printed on said license, that at said performance, a State Humane Agent shall be in attendance, for the enforcement of the laws of the State of Maine relating to cruelty to animals, and for the enforcement of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Agriculture relative to such performance. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall, on the issuance of said license, promptly notify one of the State Humane Agents, pref-

erably one who is resident of the county where such performance is to be held, giving the name of the licensee and the time and place where such performance is to be held. No such performance shall be held on Sunday. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.'