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No. 537

S. P. 223

In Senate, February 10, 1959.

Reported by Mr. Dow of Lincoln from Committee on Agriculture and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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, licensed. It shall be unlawful to permit or stage a performance known as "horse or ox pulling contests" unless licensed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. 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. Such license, when issued, shall be effective only for the date of such performance, or to any subsequent postponement date, to be set forth in said license, for which applicant shall pay the sum of \$2 to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund, except the commissioner may issue a license for a period of 7 successive days, for which the 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 may be in attendance, for the enforcement of the laws of the State of Maine relating to cruelty to animals. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall on the issuance of said license, promptly notify one of the State Humane Agents, preferably 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 performance shall be held on Sunday prior to one o'clock in the afternoon. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.'