

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1891.

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 70.

An Act in relation to Agricultural Fairs to prevent fraud.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. Whoever makes entries of animals or articles as competitors for premiums or purses offered by any agricultural society, or by any person or association in this state, shall be holden to pay the entry fee in accordance with the advertised rules and regulations of any such society, person, or association, not in conflict with the laws of this state ; and a lien is hereby created upon such animals and articles for such entry fee to secure payment thereof with costs, to be enforced by an action of debt against the person owning such animals or articles, or the person entering the same ; the same to be enforced in the same manner as liens on goods in possession and choses in action, but such lien shall not affect the title of any innocent purchaser of said animals or articles without actual notice of such lien.

Competitors for premiums offered by agricultural societies, holden to pay entry fee.

—lien on animals, to secure payment.

—how enforced.

SECT. 2. Whoever, for the purpose of competing for purses or premiums, knowingly and designedly enters or drives any horse that shall have been painted or disguised, or that represents any other or different horse from the one which is purported to be entered, or shall knowingly and designedly, for the purpose of competing for premiums or purses, enter or drive a horse in a class to which it does not properly belong, shall be deemed guilty of cheating by false pretences, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, and such horse, after such notice to the owner as the court may order, and a hearing thereon, may be forfeited in the discretion of the court and sold, one-half of the net proceeds of such sale shall go to the informant, and the other half to the county in which the offense is committed. The pecuniary penalty shall be enforced by indictment and the forfeiture by a libel filed by the informant and proceedings in the manner provided in chapter ninety-eight, revised statutes.

Penalty for entering for premiums any horse that has been disguised, etc.

—how enforced.

SECT. 3. Agricultural societies, persons and associations, holding public affairs for competition for premiums or purses are authorized to conduct and manage the exhibitions in accordance with the advertised rules and regulations, not in conflict with the laws of this state.

How fairs shall be conducted.