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second line thereof and substituting therefor the words 'six months', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 10. Must remain in jail six months before being liberated by taking poor debtor's oath. When the father of such bastard child has remained for six months in jail, without being able to comply with the order of the court, he may be liberated by taking the poor debtor's oath, as persons committed on execution; but he shall give fifteen days' notice of his intention to do so, to the mother, if living, and to the clerk of the town where the child has its legal settlement, if in the state. The mother and said town may, after such liberation, recover of him by action of debt any sum of money, which ought to have been paid pursuant to the order of the court.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 159.

An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Diseased or Disabled Horses.

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

Sec. 1. Sale of diseased horses illegal. It shall be unlawful for any person holding an auctioneer's license to receive or offer for sale or to sell at public auction, or for any person to sell at private sale, any horse which by reason of debility, disease or lameness or for other cause, could not be worked in this state without violating the laws against cruelty to animals, but this section shall not be construed to prohibit the sale to, and the purchase of animals by, humane societies incorporated under the laws of this state for the purpose of humanely killing the same.

Sec. 2. Penalty for violation. Any licensed auctioneer violating any provision of this act shall forfeit his license, and any person violating any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 160.

An Act to Amend Chapter Thirty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 35, § 1, relating to office of live stock sanitary commissioner, amended. Section one of chapter thirty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out that part of the section beginning at and including the word "and" in the twelfth line so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

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‘Sec. 1. Department not to be under direction of commissioner of agriculture. For the purpose of facilitating and encouraging the live stock interests of the state, and for extirpating all insidious, infectious and contagious diseases among cattle, horses, sheep and swine, and especially tuberculosis, the governor shall appoint one person of known ability, who shall be charged with the execution of the provisions of this chapter and shall be known and designated as the live stock sanitary commissioner. Before entering upon the duties of the office, he shall give bond to the state in such sum as the governor and council may designate, with sureties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state, as surety, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of all duties of his office. He shall hold office for the term of four years unless sooner removed by the governor.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 35, § 13, relating to investigation of tuberculosis. Section thirteen of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all of the section beginning at the word “any” in the sixth line so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

‘Sec. 13. Commissioner to have full supervision. The live stock sanitary commissioner shall make all needful rules and regulations as to the manner in which application shall be made to him for the investigation of tuberculosis in the herds of the state ; provided, however, that he employ regular skilled veterinarians and shall regulate the way and manner in which the test shall be applied and the state shall not be made responsible for any private test made.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 35, § 20, relating to suspension of duties of commissioner, amended. Section twenty of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words “commissioner of agriculture” in the thirteenth line and inserting the words ‘governor and council’ in place thereof, also in the fourteenth and fifteenth lines striking out the words “commssioner of agriculture” and inserting the words ‘governor and council’, in place thereof so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

‘Sec. 20. Books, records, etc., to be turned over to governor and council. The live stock sanitary commissioner shall make and preserve a full record of all rules and regulations promulgated under the provisions of this chapter, and all payments and expenses incurred hereunder, and all other transactions performed by him, in the discharge of his duties as herein provided ; and he shall on or before the first Wednesday in January of each year, and at other times as he may deem conducive to the public interest, or whenever required by the governor, report to the governor full and accurate accounts of his expenditures and other proceedings under the provisions hereof, and of the condition of any infectious or contagious disease among animals in the state ; said report shall be communicated by the governor to the legislature. Whenever the functions of said live stock sanitary commissioner shall be suspended or terminated, he shall turn over to the governor and council all his books, papers, records, and other effects, taking his receipt therefor ; and the governor and council shall remain the custodian of the same until such time as the functions of said live stock sanitary commissioner may be restored.’