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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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prescribed in section 100, provided such excess is 1,000 pounds or over but less than 2,000 pounds;

\$40 and costs of court when such excess is 2,000 pounds or over but less than 3,000 pounds;

\$80 and costs of court when such excess is 3,000 pounds or over but less than 4,000 pounds;

\$150 and costs of court when such excess is 4,000 pounds or over but less than 5,000 pounds;

\$200 and costs of court when such excess is 5,000 pounds or over but less than 6,000 pounds;

\$250 and costs of court when such excess is 6,000 pounds or over but less than 8,000 pounds;

\$300 and costs of court when such excess is 8,000 pounds or over but less than 10,000 pounds;

Not less than \$350 and costs of court and not more than \$500 and costs of court when such excess is 10,000 pounds or over.

For the purposes of this chapter, weights as indicated by any type of stationary or portable scales approved by the Maine state highway commission and tested within 12 calendar months prior to the time of use by a person and method approved by said commission, shall be deemed accurate.

In addition to the penalties above provided for, the court shall impose an alternative jail sentence of not more than 30 days to be served if the respondent fails to pay the fine and costs imposed by said court.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 324

AN ACT Relative to Health Certificates in the Sale of Cattle.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 73-C, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 73-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 73-C. Livestock to be tested for Bang's disease before sale; penalty for violation. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to sell, bargain or convey any bulls or female cattle 6 or more months of age, to any person, firm, partnership or corporation within the state, except to a licensed livestock dealer or to a recognized slaughtering establishment for immediate slaughter, unless such cattle have been tested for Bang's disease within 30 days and are accompanied by a health certificate to be issued by the commissioner of agriculture, except that the provisions of this section shall not apply to certified (accredited) or certified vaccinated herds. Any person, partnership, association or corporation which shall violate the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200 for the 1st offense, and not more than \$500 for each subsequent offense.'

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 325

AN ACT to Control and Eradicate Bang's Disease.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Bang's disease, or what is commonly known as contagious abortion, is a serious menace to the cattle industry of the state; and

Whereas, immediate action is necessary to check the spread of this disease to protect not only the cattle industry but also the health of the people; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, § 73, amended. Section 73 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 73. Cattle to be tested for "Bang's disease." For the eradication of Bang's disease, the commissioner or his agent in charge of ~~live stock~~ **livestock** sanitary work shall continue to have blood drawn from the animals over 6 months of age in all herds in the state ~~drawn~~ by a regularly employed federal or state veterinarian or technician or an authorized, accredited veterinarian and tested at the state laboratory by what is known