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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

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of Agriculture on domestic animals condemned in cooperative eradication programs.

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CHAPTER 42

AN ACT Relating to Brucellosis.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 1807, amended. Section 1807 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 1807. Illegal vaccinations

It shall be illegal for any person, partnership, association or corporation to vaccinate any cattle with brucellosis vaccine ~~that~~ ~~when such cattle are over~~ ~~270~~ less than 90 or more than 179 days of age, unless special written permission is received from the commissioner or his agent previous to any such vaccination.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 1812, amended. The last 2 sentences of the 2nd paragraph of section 1812 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

Such tests shall be conducted by regularly employed federal or state veterinarians or technicians or authorized veterinarians and tested by the ~~State Laboratory~~ state laboratory. All animals showing a positive reaction to the test shall be identified by a "reactor" ~~ear tag~~ ear tag and brand and shall be slaughtered, except vaccinated animals under ~~30~~ 20 months of age.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 43

AN ACT to Amend the Maine Commercial Feed Law of 1971.

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

R. S., T. 7, § 712, sub-§§ 18-A and 18-B, additional. Section 712 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 77 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding 2 new subsections 18-A and 18-B, to read as follows:

18-A. Specialty pet. "Specialty pet" means any domesticated animal pet normally maintained in a cage or tank, such as, but not limited to, gerbils,

hamsters, canaries, psittacine birds, mynahs, finches, tropical fish, goldfish, snakes and turtles.

18-B. Specialty pet food. "Specialty pet food" means any commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by specialty pets.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 44

AN ACT Relating to Agricultural Cooperative Agreements.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the control of plant and animal disease is an immediate problem and essential to the well-being of the People of Maine; and

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture has responsibility for the control, quarantine and eradication of such diseases; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Agriculture may, by statute, now enter into cooperative agreements with public agencies and private enterprises to promote Maine agriculture, but which authority does not specifically embrace plant and animal disease control; 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:

R. S., T. 7, § 9, amended. The first sentence of section 9 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The commissioner may enter into agreements or cooperative arrangements with a state or federal agency or with any person, firm or corporation for the purpose of **controlling diseases of plants and domestic animals**, advertising and increasing the sale and consumption of Maine food products or disseminating information concerning the grade, quality or condition of same, and supplying inspection and grading services with respect to such food products.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 2, 1973