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Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five.

AN ACT

To aid in the suppression of Contagious Diseases
among Domestic Animals.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows :*

1 SECTION 1. Whoever has knowledge of the ex-
2 istence of a contagious disease among any species
3 of domestic animals in this State, whether such
4 knowledge is obtained by examination or other-
5 wise, shall forthwith give notice thereof to the
6 board of aldermen of the city, or the selectmen
7 of the town where such diseased animals are
8 kept, and for failure so to do, shall be punished

9 by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or
10 by imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year.

1 SECT. 2. The board of aldermen of a city,
2 or the selectmen of a town, having received
3 notice of a contagious disease among domestic
4 animals in their city or town, shall forthwith
5 inform the board of cattle commissioners of the
6 existence of such contagious disease.

1 SECT. 3. Section three of chapter ninety of
2 the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to
3 read as follows: They may cause all such ani-
4 mals, except those infected with glanders or
5 farcy, to be appraised by three competent and
6 disinterested men, under oath, at the value there-
7 of at the time of the appraisement, and the
8 amount of the appraisement shall be paid as pro-
9 vided in section one; and they shall cause all ani-
10 mals infected with glanders or farcy to be killed
11 without appraisement, but may pay the owner an
12 equitable sum for the killing and for any reason-
13 able expense incurred by such owner for the burial
14 thereof.

1 SECT. 4. The cattle commissioners, in the nec-
2 essary discharge of their duties, may administer
3 oaths.

[Approved April 9. 1885.]