

HOUSE No. 74

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
DIVISION OF LIVESTOCK DISEASE CONTROL,
100 NASHUA STREET, BOSTON, November 27, 1942.

To the General Court of Massachusetts.

In accordance with the provisions of section 33 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, a copy of the recommendations for legislation to be contained in the annual report of this Division is submitted, together with drafts of bills embodying the legislation recommended. This draft has been submitted to Counsel for the House, as required by law.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,
Director of Livestock Disease Control.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

BANG'S DISEASE.

It appears necessary to suggest a minor revision of chapter 129 of the General Laws, section 36B, as inserted by chapter 314 of the Acts of 1938.

In order to co-operate closely with the Federal government in the control of Bang's disease, we find that the obligation to charge 50 cents per head for all animals vaccinated by the State stands in the way of a sound and economical vaccination program in the prevention of Bang's disease. Recent experiments tend to show that the age limits imposed may also be varied in the near future. Therefore I respectfully recommend the enactment of the accompanying bill designated as the first recommendation.

EMPLOYMENT OF PER DIEM VETERINARIANS.

The Division of Livestock Disease Control has been severely handicapped in the last few years in the employment of registered veterinarians from time to time on a per diem basis, due to the fact that these men must be chosen from a civil service list.

Since this work is by its very nature that of experts, and in many instances is of an emergency nature, I feel that the employment of veterinarians should be treated in the same manner as the employment of experts is handled in other departments, and that such employment should therefore be exempted from chapter 31. Therefore I respectfully recommend the enactment of the accompanying bill designated as the second recommendation.