

SENATE No. 112

To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, by Carleton I. Pickett, for legislation to place the Division of Livestock Disease Control under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Agriculture. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

AN ACT TO BRING THE DIVISION OF LIVESTOCK DISEASE CONTROL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

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. Chapter 20 of the General Laws (Ter-
2 centenary Edition) is hereby amended by striking out
3 section 4, as most recently amended by chapter 490
4 of the acts of 1941, and inserting in place thereof the
5 following:—

6 *Section 4.* The commissioner shall organize the de-
7 partment in divisions, including a division of dairying
8 and animal husbandry, a division of plant pest con-
9 trol and fairs, a division of markets, a division of live-
10 stock disease control, and such other divisions as he
11 may from time to time determine, and shall assign to
12 said divisions their functions. The work of each divi-
13 sion shall be in charge of a director. The director of

14 the division of livestock disease control shall be known
15 as the director of livestock disease control. The com-
16 missioner shall appoint and may remove a director for
17 each of the divisions. The compensation of directors
18 shall be fixed by the commissioner, with the approval
19 of the governor and council. The commissioner may
20 also appoint an inspector of apiaries and such other
21 inspectors, investigators, scientific experts, clerks and
22 other officers and assistants as the work of the de-
23 partment may require and may assign them to divi-
24 sions, transfer and remove them.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 20 is hereby further
2 amended by striking out section 6, as most recently
3 amended by chapter 340 of the acts of 1934, and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 6.* The commissioner of agriculture may,
6 with the advice of the director of livestock disease
7 control, appoint and remove such experts, clerical and
8 other assistants as the work of the division of live-
9 stock disease control may require.