

HOUSE No. 2210

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 15, 1953.

The committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 485) of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation that the Director of Agriculture be authorized to co-operate with the federal government in the eradication of certain animal diseases, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2210).

For the committee,

AUGUSTUS G. MEANS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CO-OPERATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE ERADICATION OF CERTAIN ANIMAL DISEASES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to take
3 immediate steps for the eradication of certain animal
4 diseases, for the purposes of meeting the public need
5 and requirements, therefore, it is hereby declared
6 to be an emergency law necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of public interest and convenience.

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 129 of the General Laws
2 (Ter. Ed.) is hereby amended by adding the following
3 new section: —

4 *Section 14A.* All domestic animals which are
5 affected with, or have been exposed to, vesicular
6 stomatitis or vesicular exanthema shall be quarantined,
7 appraised by an appraiser of the division of livestock
8 disease control, and an appraiser appointed by the
9 Federal Bureau of Animal Industry.

10 Animals affected with vesicular exanthema shall
11 be sold on bid for slaughtering at a slaughtering estab-
12 lishment under federal supervision. The products of

13 said animals shall be processed. The commonwealth
14 shall pay to the owner of the animal or animals
15 slaughtered under this section one half of the differ-
16 ence between the amount received by the owner for
17 the carcass of the animal and the value of the animal
18 as determined by appraisal, said payment to be paid
19 from the amounts appropriated therefor. Said pay-
20 ment shall not be in excess of fifty per cent of the
21 appraised value. Animals affected or exposed to
22 vesicular stomatitis shall be disposed of as the director
23 of the division of livestock disease control directs.
24 The said director shall also issue such directions
25 for the cleansing and disinfection of buildings, premises
26 and places in which vesicular stomatitis or vesicular
27 exanthema exists or has existed, and of property
28 which may be on or contained therein, as in his opinion
29 may be necessary or expedient. Any property on
30 such premises which may be, in the opinion of the di-
31 rector or of his agents, a source of contagion may be
32 destroyed by order of the director, and fifty per cent
33 of the full value less salvage of such property, as
34 determined by the appraisal, may be paid from the
35 amounts appropriated therefor. The director may
36 appoint persons to make appraisals on livestock and
37 other property, the destruction of which is ordered
38 under this section. If the United States government
39 makes an appropriation for payment of a certain
40 portion of the value of any animals and property
41 destroyed under this section, the payment by the
42 commonwealth for such animals or property shall
43 be limited to the difference between such portion and
44 the full value less salvage thereof determined as
45 herein provided, which shall not be in excess of fifty
46 per cent of such value.

1 SECTION 2. For the reimbursement of owners of
2 property or livestock as provided in this act, there is
3 hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum
4 of two hundred thousand dollars.