

**SECTION 2.** All employees of the department of public safety who, immediately prior to the effective date of this act, held positions classified under chapter thirty-one of the General Laws or had tenure in their positions by reason of section nine A of chapter thirty of the General Laws and who are hereby transferred to the criminal history systems board, shall be so transferred without impairment of civil service status, seniority, retirement and other rights of the employees, without interruption of their service within the meaning of said chapter thirty-one or said section nine A of said chapter thirty, and without reduction in their compensation and salary grades. All such employees who, immediately prior to the effective date of this act, are not classified under the provisions of said chapter thirty-one, or are not subject to said section nine A of said chapter thirty, shall continue to serve in their respective offices or positions without impairment of their retirement, seniority or other rights and they shall not be lowered in rank or compensation.

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**Chap. 592.** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SLAUGHTERING OF HOGS AFFECTED WITH BRUCELLOSIS AND THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO CERTAIN OWNERS THEREOF.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 129 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 14C the following section:—

*Section 14D.* All hogs which are affected with, or have been exposed to brucellosis shall be quarantined and tested by the director or his agent, or by an agent of the animal health division of the United States department of agriculture. The director may, in his discretion, slaughter any such hogs and their carcasses shall be disposed of in such manner as he may determine. No person shall transport hogs into the commonwealth until said hogs have been inspected and passed as healthy. Said inspection shall include certification of a negative brucellosis test within thirty days of importation into the commonwealth and a certificate of health by a veterinarian inspector of the animal health division of the United States department of agriculture or a veterinarian of the state of origin, authorized by said state and approved by said animal health division.

**SECTION 2.** Until January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-six, the commonwealth shall pay to the owner of each hog slaughtered pursuant to section fourteen D of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, the sum of twenty-five dollars. Said payment shall be made from amounts appropriated therefor from the Agricultural Purposes Fund. No payment shall be made as herein provided until the director of animal health has determined that the owner or his representative has not, in the opinion of the director, by willful act or neglect, contributed to the spread of brucellosis.

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