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By Mr. Andrews of Clinton, petition of the Central Massachusetts Police Association for amendment of the law relative to the sale, transportation and slaughter of neat cattle. Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE, TRANSPORTATION AND  
SLAUGHTER OF NEAT CATTLE.

*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. Section two of chapter one hundred  
2 and twenty-nine of the General Laws, as appearing  
3 in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by  
4 inserting after the word "kept" in the fourth line  
5 the following:— and for the identification of all  
6 neat cattle within the commonwealth by registra-  
7 tion ear tags or some other suitable device, — so as  
8 to read as follows:— *Section 2.* The director may  
9 make and enforce reasonable orders, rules and regu-  
10 lations relative to the following: the sanitary condi-  
11 tion of neat cattle, other ruminants and swine and  
12 of places where such animals are kept and for the  
13 identification of all neat cattle within the common-  
14 wealth by registration ear tags or some other suitable  
15 device; the prevention, suppression and extirpation  
16 of contagious diseases of domestic animals; the es-  
17 tablishing of disease-free herds of cattle and the

18 issuing of certificates in connection therewith; the  
19 inspection, examination, quarantine, care and treat-  
20 ment or destruction of domestic animals affected with  
21 or which have been exposed to contagious disease,  
22 the burial or other disposal of their carcasses, and the  
23 cleansing and disinfection of places where contagion  
24 exists or has existed. No rules or regulations shall  
25 take effect until approved by the governor and  
26 council.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter one hundred and twenty-  
2 nine is hereby further amended by inserting after  
3 section two, as so appearing, the following new  
4 section:—

5 *Section 2A.* It shall be the duty of the director to  
6 make and keep a complete record of all the neat  
7 cattle within the commonwealth and to cause each  
8 animal to be identified by a registration ear tag or  
9 other suitable device.

1 SECTION 3. Section twenty-six A of said chapter  
2 one hundred and twenty-nine, as so appearing, is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word “pur-  
4 poses” in the second line the words:— or to be  
5 slaughtered,— so as to read as follows:— *Section*  
6 *26A.* Whoever ships, drives or transports into the  
7 commonwealth cattle to be used for dairy purposes  
8 or to be slaughtered, unless they have been inspected  
9 and passed as healthy by a veterinary inspector of  
10 the United States Bureau of Animal Industry or a  
11 veterinarian of the state of origin authorized by the  
12 state and approved by said bureau, shall be punished  
13 by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 4. Section one hundred and twenty-five  
2 of chapter ninety-four of the General Laws, as so  
3 appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end  
4 the following:— No licensee shall slaughter any  
5 neat cattle without removing the registration ear  
6 tag or identifying device which he shall forthwith send  
7 to the local board of health or to the division of live-  
8 stock disease control together with a description of  
9 the animal slaughtered and from which it was taken,  
10 the name of the person delivering the animal to the  
11 licensee's slaughter house or establishment and the  
12 name of the person who shipped the animal to such  
13 slaughter house or establishment.

1 SECTION 5. Chapter ninety-four of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
3 one hundred and fifty-two C, inserted by chapter  
4 two hundred and ninety-six of the acts of nineteen  
5 hundred and thirty-four, the following three new  
6 sections:—

7 *Section 152D.* No person shall transport neat  
8 cattle on any public highway or road unless he has a  
9 license from the commissioner of agriculture, the fee  
10 for which shall not exceed two dollars. Such license  
11 shall expire one year from the date of its issue and  
12 may be revoked by the commissioner for cause and  
13 after a hearing. The commissioner may make suit-  
14 able rules or regulations governing the issue of such  
15 licenses. The licensee shall affix or cause to be af-  
16 fixed to each vehicle for transporting neat cattle  
17 aforesaid a certified copy of such license in which  
18 such vehicle shall be particularly described. The  
19 provisions of this section shall not require the li-

20 censing of any producer transporting his own neat  
21 cattle.

22 *Section 152E.* No person except common or con-  
23 tract carriers shall transport neat cattle from place  
24 to place on any public highway or road unless he has  
25 in his possession and easily accessible a bill of sale or  
26 a memorandum containing the ear tag numbers,  
27 breed, name of the owner or owners and the destina-  
28 tion of the shipment signed by the vendor. Such  
29 person shall at any time produce such memorandum  
30 and exhibit the same at the request of any officer  
31 empowered to make civil arrests.

32 *Section 152F.* Whoever violates any provision of  
33 section one hundred and fifty-two D or one hundred  
34 and fifty-two E shall be punished by a fine of not  
35 more than five hundred dollars or imprisonment for  
36 not less than thirty days or more than two and one  
37 half years in jail or in the house of correction or not  
38 more than five years in the state prison.

1 SECTION 6. Chapter two hundred and sixty-six of  
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
3 after section twenty-two, as amended by chapter  
4 three hundred and sixty-five of the acts of nineteen  
5 hundred and thirty-five, the following new section:—

6 *Section 22A.* Whoever breaks an enclosure wherein  
7 are kept or confined any neat cattle shall be punished  
8 by a fine of not less than one hundred or more than  
9 five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the house  
10 of correction for not less than six months or more than  
11 than two years or by both such fine and imprisonment.