

HOUSE No. 1025.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 26, 1901.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the bill to further diminish the spread of glanders and farcy among horses (House, No. 432), report recommending the substitution of the following bill.

For the Committee,

A. S. APSEY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

Relative to the Killing and Rendering of Horses and Other Animals.

*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. Any person, firm or corporation
2 engaged or desiring to engage in the business of
3 killing horses, or in the rendering of horses or
4 other animals, shall, within thirty days after the
5 passage of this act, and thereafter annually in the
6 month of March, make application to the board of
7 health of the city or town where the business is
8 to be conducted for a license to carry it on. Such
9 application shall be in writing, signed by the per-
10 son or persons desiring to conduct the business,
11 or, in the case of a corporation, by some officer
12 thereof thereto duly authorized. It shall state the
13 names in full and the addresses of all the persons
14 desiring to carry on said business, or, in the case

15 of a corporation, of all the officers thereof, and
16 the street or other place where the business is to
17 be conducted. No unlicensed person shall carry
18 on the business of killing or of rendering horses
19 or other animals.

1 . SECTION 2. The board of health of a city or
2 town may grant licenses for such killing or ren-
3 dering establishments, but not till it has satisfied
4 itself that the applicants have a suitable building
5 and plant in a situation approved by the said
6 board of health, and suitable trucks or wagons for
7 the removal of dead animals. The said board
8 may at any time revoke any such license. The
9 license fee shall not exceed one dollar. The
10 license shall state the names of the licensees and
11 the situation of the building or establishment
12 where the business is to be carried on. It shall
13 continue in force until the first day of April of the
14 year next ensuing, unless sooner revoked. The
15 board of health of any city or town granting such
16 licenses shall keep a record thereof, and shall also
17 notify the board of cattle commissioners whenever
18 any such license is granted, giving the names and
19 addresses of the licensees.

1 SECTION 3. Persons licensed as aforesaid shall
2 report to the board of cattle commissioners, in
3 such form and at such times as the board of cattle
4 commissioners may direct, every animal received
5 by them which is found to be infected with a
6 contagious disease.

1 SECTION 4. That part of section thirty-two
2 of chapter four hundred and eight of the acts of
3 the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine pro-
4 viding that no person shall knowingly sell an
5 animal with a contagious disease, shall not apply
6 to any person selling such an animal to any per-
7 son licensed as aforesaid: *provided*, that such
8 animal is to be killed or rendered at the establish-
9 ment of such licensee.

1 SECTION 5. Any person violating any pro-
2 vision of this act shall be punished by a fine not
3 exceeding two hundred dollars, or by imprison-
4 ment in jail for a term not exceeding ninety days,
5 or by both such fine and imprisonment.