

MASSACHUSETTS ABATTOIR COMPANY

HOUSE No. 393.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-
Two.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Massachusetts Abattoir Company.

[Mr. HOYT gives notice that he shall move this Bill as a substitute for report
on petition of Long and others.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 SECT. 1. Alanson Long, George Upton and Ben-
2 jamin F. Shaw, their associates and successors, are
3 hereby made a corporation by the name of the Massa-
4 chusetts Abattoir Company, for the purpose of carry-
5 ing on the business of buying and slaughtering cattle,
6 sheep and other animals, and of melting and render-
7 ing; subject, however, to the provisions hereinafter

8 contained, and to all general laws which are now or
9 which shall hereafter be in force, applicable to such
10 corporations.

1 SECT. 2. The capital stock of said corporation
2 shall be five hundred thousand dollars, which shall
3 be divided into five thousand shares of the par value
4 of one hundred dollars each; but said corporation
5 shall not incur liabilities until at least two hundred
6 and fifty thousand dollars in cash of said capital stock
7 shall be paid in.

1 SECT. 3. Said corporation may, for the purposes
2 named in section one, hold by purchase, such parcels
3 of land limited to the actual necessities of its legiti-
4 mate business, as the directors of said corporation
5 shall determine upon: *provided, however,* that before
6 said corporation shall enter upon said land to improve
7 the same, they shall obtain the permission in writing
8 of the selectmen of the town or towns in which said
9 land may be situated, to take said land; and shall file
10 with the county commissioners of the county in which
11 said land may be situated, a certificate of the state
12 board of health, stating that the land so taken is a
13 suitable place for conducting the business of said cor-
14 poration, so far as regards the health and sanitary
15 condition of the town or towns in which said land
16 may be situated; and it shall be the duty of the state
17 board of health to grant such certificate, if, upon in-
18 vestigation, it appears that said land is a suitable
19 place for carrying on said business.

1 SECT. 4. Said corporation shall proceed within
2 two years from the granting of this charter to build

3 upon said lands suitable buildings for the slaughtering
4 of cattle, sheep and other animals, and for melting and
5 rendering purposes, and all necessary stables and out-
6 buildings. But no building shall be erected until
7 the plan thereof shall have been submitted to and
8 approved by the state board of health, or some person
9 designated by said board to examine said plans. All
10 the business of said corporation shall be carried on in
11 accordance with such sanitary regulations as said
12 board may from time to time establish, and furnish in
13 writing to the clerk of said corporation; and for each
14 violation of any one of said regulations, said corpora-
15 tion shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty
16 nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered
17 by indictment against said corporation. Subject to
18 the foregoing provisions said corporation may manu-
19 facture and sell any of the usual products of their
20 said business, or may lease or permit other persons to
21 use their premises, or parts thereof, on such terms as
22 may be agreed upon. And any person engaged in
23 slaughtering, or other business upon the premises of
24 said corporation, who shall violate any of the regula-
25 tions of said board shall be liable to the penalty
26 herein before fixed to violation thereof by said corpo-
27 ration.

1 SECT. 5. Said corporation shall have the power
2 to lease or purchase and hold such parcel or parcels
3 of land in Boston or its immediate vicinity, as it shall
4 deem necessary and proper for the purpose of erect-
5 ing and maintaining such meat-houses and ice-houses
6 as shall be required in carrying on their said business

7 under the direction of the board of health, as now or
8 hereafter constituted.

1 SECT. 6. The profits of said corporation, arising
2 from the conducting of said business, shall, after
3 paying four per cent., semi-annually, upon the capital
4 stock of said corporation, free from all taxes, be
5 annually divided among all persons who have paid to
6 said corporation any money for rates or rents for
7 slaughtering or rendering upon the premises of said
8 corporation. And each of said persons shall receive
9 such proportion of said profits as the amount paid in
10 by him bears to the whole amount received by said
11 corporation for rates or rents: *provided, however*, that
12 all animals slaughtered by the said corporation upon
13 its own account shall be charged upon its books at
14 the rates charged by the corporation to persons
15 slaughtering upon its premises; and the amount so
16 charged shall be reckoned as part of the rates and
17 rents received by said corporation; and *provided*,
18 *further*, that nothing in this section shall be con-
19 strued to give any person, not a stockholder of said
20 corporation, any claim upon or any interest in any
21 property or estate of said corporation, not the clear
22 annual profits of conducting said business, or any
23 claim upon or interest in the increased value of said
24 property and estate, over and above the amount paid
25 therefor by said corporation.

1 SECT. 7. The fertilizers manufactured by said cor-
2 poration shall be inspected under the direction of the
3 state board of agriculture, and, when offered for sale,
4 shall bear the analysis of said inspection.