

## ARTICLE LVIII.

## LIVE STOCK.

## CHAPTER 365.

AN ACT to protect the health of the domestic animals of the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the importation of dairy cows and meat cattle for breeding purposes into the State of Maryland is hereby prohibited, excepting when such cows and meat cattle are accompanied by a certificate from an inspector, whose competency and reliability are certified to by the authorities charged with the control of the diseases of domestic animals in the State from whence the cattle came, certifying that they have been examined and subjected to the tuberculin test, and are free from disease.

SEC. 2. That in lieu of an inspection certificate, as above required, the cattle may be detained at suitable stock yards nearest to the State line on the railroad over which they are shipped, and then examined at the expense of the owner; or cattle as above specified from points outside the State, may, under such restrictions as may be provided by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, be shipped in quarantine to their destination in Maryland, there to remain in quarantine until properly examined at the expense of the owner, and released by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board.

SEC. 3. The State Live Stock Sanitary Board is hereby authorized and empowered to prohibit the importation of domestic animals into the State of Maryland whenever in their judgment such measures may be necessary for the proper protection of the health of the domestic animals of the State, and to make and enforce rules and regulations governing such traffic, as may from time to time be required.

SEC. 4. That any person, firm or corporate body violating the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall, in the proper court of the county in which such cattle are sold, offered for sale, delivered to a purchaser, or in which such cattle may be detained in transit, for each offense forfeit and pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or be punished by imprisonment for not exceeding thirty days, either or both, at the discretion of the court. Such person, firm or corporate body shall be liable for the full amount of the damages that may result from the violation of this Act.