

## CHAPTER 146.

[H. B. 229.]

## DISEASED ANIMALS.

AN ACT relating to the payment of indemnities for the killing of diseased animals, appropriating money therefor, and amending section 12 of chapter 165 of Session Laws of 1927 being section 3121 of Remington's Revised Statutes; declaring an emergency and that this act shall take effect immediately.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Amends  
§ 3121, Rem.  
Rev. Stat.  
(§ 2031-32  
P. C.)

Indemnity or  
quarantine  
optional.

Appraisal.

Sale.

Certificate  
as to price  
paid.

SECTION 1. That section 12, chapter 165, Session Laws of 1927, being section 3121 of Remington's Revised Statutes, be amended to read as follows:

Section 12. If, on the completion of any examination and test as provided in the preceding section, the inspector or veterinarian making the examination and test, shall believe that the animal is infected with tuberculosis or Bangs disease, the owner of the animal shall have the option of indemnity or quarantine; if he selects indemnity the owner and inspector shall appraise the suspected animal, and in the appraisal of such animal due consideration shall be given to its breeding, dairy or meat value. In the event of their failing to agree upon the value, the inspector shall apply to the judge of the superior court of the county where the animal is located to appoint a third appraiser, and the decision of the majority of the appraisers shall be final.

The owner, or his agent, of any bovine animal thus appraised shall market the animal within thirty days from the date of appraisal and shall obtain from the purchaser a report in quadruplicate, upon blank forms to be furnished by the inspector, certifying to the amount of money actually paid for the animal or animals. The animal or animals shall be slaughtered

under the supervision of a veterinary inspector of the director of agriculture, or the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, or a veterinarian duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in this state. The veterinary inspector or veterinarian shall hold a post mortem examination and determine whether or not the animal shall be passed to be used for food. The post mortem examination must conform with the meat inspection regulations of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry. Upon the receipt of said report, in quadruplicate, certifying to the amount of money actually paid for the animal or animals, and if the owner has complied with all lawful quarantine laws and regulations, the director of agriculture shall cause to be paid to the owner or owners of the animals one-third of the difference between the appraised value of each animal so slaughtered and the value of the salvage thereof: *Provided*, That in no case shall any payment by the director of agriculture be more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for any grade female, or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for any pure bred registered bull or female, and in no case shall any indemnity be paid for grade bulls or for steers, and that no indemnity shall be paid for animals slaughtered on account of tuberculosis to any person who has not owned such animal for six months prior to the date such examination or test is made, and the state shall not be required to pay the owner of any animal imported into this state within six months prior to the inspection and test the sums hereinabove provided for but the owner of such animal shall receive the proceeds of the sale of such slaughtered animal: *And provided further*, That the right to indemnity shall not exist nor shall payment be made for any animal owned by the United States, this state, or any county, city, town or township in this state. Every appraiser appointed by the judge of

Supervision  
of  
slaughter.

Post mortem.

Payment to  
owner.

Appraisers'  
fees.

the superior court as hereinabove provided shall receive his actual and necessary traveling expenses and a *per diem* of three dollars (\$3.00) for the time actually spent to be paid by the state. The expenses of herding, caring for, feeding, transporting and slaughtering animals under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the owner thereof.

Appro-  
priation.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state treasury the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00), to pay the indemnities, to the owners of cattle slaughtered as provided in this act. The governor and the director of agriculture are hereby authorized to obtain additional funds from the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and enter into agreements with the said Secretary for the disbursement of the funds granted by the United States government.

Vetoed.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 3, 1937.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1937.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1937, with the exception of section 3, which is vetoed.