

Assembly Bill 499

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CHAPTER 170, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 95.25 of the statutes, relating to the control of tuberculosis in cattle.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

95.25 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

95.25 TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAM. (1) In order to detect and control bovine tuberculosis the department may test for tuberculosis those cattle where indication of possible infection is disclosed by means of the slaughter cattle identification program and any other cattle or herds the department has reason to believe may be infected or exposed or deems necessary to test for any other reason. Tuberculosis tests authorized by the department shall be made at such times and in such manner as the department determines, in the light of the latest and best scientific and practical knowledge and experience.

(2) Upon reasonable notice the department, its authorized agents and all inspectors and persons appointed or authorized to assist in the work of applying the tuberculin test, may enter any buildings or inclosures where cattle are, for the purpose of making inspection and applying the tuberculin test, and any person who interferes therewith or obstructs them in their work or attempts to obstruct or prevent by force the inspection and the testing (in addition to the penalty prescribed therefor) shall be liable for all damages caused thereby to the state or to any person lawfully engaged in the work of inspection and testing.

(3) The department shall provide all the necessary equipment and supplies and inspectors and make all arrangements necessary for the carrying on and completion of the work authorized by this section. If any such equipment or supplies are no longer needed, they may be disposed of by the department of administration, and the proceeds derived from the sale shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the appropriation for such testing.

(4) Retests of infected herds shall be made by the department at such intervals as the department deems necessary to protect the work already done and to preserve the modified accredited or tuberculosis free status of the state under the specifications and regulations of the U. S. department of agriculture and the agreements among the various states.

(5) For each animal condemned and slaughtered, unless otherwise provided by law, the owner shall receive and, upon certificate of the department, the state shall pay one-third of the difference between the net salvage and the appraised or agreed value of the animal, but such payment shall not exceed \$50 for a registered animal and \$25 for an unregistered one. If no federal indemnity is paid, the state shall pay two-thirds of the difference between the net salvage and the appraised or agreed value of the animal, but not to exceed \$100 for a registered animal and \$50 for an unregistered one. A registered animal must be listed as such on the assessor's roll.

(6) The department may, with the owner's consent, condemn animals which have been exposed to tuberculosis or which are suspected of being infected, although such animals have not reacted to the tuberculosis tests.

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