

Senate Bill 292

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CHAPTER 318

AN ACT to renumber 95.24 (2); and to create 95.35 (1) to (5) of the statutes, relating to hog cholera eradication and the payment of indemnities.

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

SECTION 1. 95.24 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 95.35 (6).

SECTION 2. 95.35 (1) to (5) of the statutes are created to read:

95.35 HOG CHOLERA ERADICATION; INDEMNITIES. (1) In the eradication and control of hog cholera, the department may, whenever such action is necessary to prevent or reduce the spread of this disease, condemn and order the slaughter or destruction of any swine which in the opinion of the department are infected with or have been exposed to hog cholera, and pay indemnities to the owners thereof under this section.

(2) With the consent of the owner, the department may condemn swine reasonably suspected of being infected with hog cholera or of having been exposed thereto where any danger of infection or reinfection exists.

(3) The department may enter into co-operative agreement with the United States or any department or agency thereof for the control and eradication of hog cholera in this state, including the sharing of payments for indemnities authorized by this section. Payments by the state shall be reduced by any amounts paid or contributed by the federal government.

(4) (a) Indemnities shall not be initiated until this state has entered the final phases of eradication and has been declared to be a hog cholera eradication state by joint state-federal agreement under the national hog cholera eradication program. After such agreement has been entered into by the department, a copy thereof shall be filed with the secretary of state prior to the payment of any indemnities under this section.

(b) After the indemnification program is initiated, the department shall appraise all animals condemned and destroyed according to current market values, less salvage value, if any, and indemnify the owners in accordance with such appraised values, but not to exceed \$60 for a registered animal and \$30 for grade stock. Payments shall be made from funds appropriated by the legislature for animal disease indemnities authorized under this chapter. Sections 95.31, 95.32 and 95.36 (8) shall not apply to appraisals or the payment of hog cholera indemnities authorized under this section.

(5) The owner of any swine affected by this section may appeal from any order or appraisal made under this section by filing with the department a request for hearing under s. 93.18 within 5 days after receiving notice of such order or appraisal.

SECTION 3. This bill is declared to be an emergency bill, recommended by the joint committee on finance, in accordance with the requirements of section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

Approved October 27, 1965.
