

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 16

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT to establish a standard unit of measure and a standard size of can for the sale of milk and cream, and to regulate the sanitary conditions under which milk and cream shall be handled.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. All milk and cream bought and sold by measure
2 for consumption within this State shall be bought and sold
3 by wine measure, the standard for which shall be two hundred and thirty-one cubic inches to the gallon, and for subdivisions of the gallon, in the same proportion.

Sect. 2. All measures, cans or other vessels used in the
2 purchase or sale of milk or cream shall be tried and proved

3 annually by the standard mentioned in the preceding sec-
4 tion, by the sealer of weights and measures of the city or
5 town in which such milk or cream is to be consumed, who
6 shall, agreeably to such standard plainly stamp thereon the
7 quantity which such measures, cans or other vessels hold,
8 together with the date of the calendar year in which such
9 measures, cans or other vessels are sealed. Any person,
10 firm or corporation who shall purchase or sell by measure
11 any milk or cream by any other than the measures so tried,
12 sealed and marked, shall forfeit for each offence the sum
13 of ten dollars.

Sect. 3. When milk or cream is purchased by measure at
2 wholesale by any person, firm or corporation engaged in the
3 business of buying or selling milk or cream or both, the
4 can or other vessel containing such milk or cream shall hold
5 eight quarts and one pint and no more, and all new cans or
6 other vessels purchased by any wholesale dealer in milk
7 or cream, to be used for the purpose of receiving such milk
8 or cream by measure, purchased by them between the first
9 day of August, 1909, and the time when this act shall go
10 into effect shall contain eight quarts and one pint, and no
11 more, and shall be tried, proved, sealed and marked as
12 herein provided.

Sect. 4. Whoever by himself or by his servant or agent,
2 or as the servant or agent of any other person, firm or cor-
3 poration having custody of a milk can, measure or other
4 vessel used as a container for milk destined for sale, shall

5 wantonly, wilfully or maliciously indent, bend or otherwise
6 mutilate said can, measure or other vessel so that the same
7 will not contain eight quarts and one pint, standard measure,
8 as hereinbefore provided, or who shall wantonly, wilfully
9 or maliciously erase, efface or otherwise mutilate said can,
10 measure or other vessel so that any names, figures or other
11 marks placed thereon by a sealer of weights and measures
12 shall become illegible shall be punished by a fine not exceed-
13 ing fifty dollars.

Sect. 5. All persons, firms and corporations who shall
2 purchase milk or cream for the purpose of reselling the
3 same, either at wholesale or retail, shall thoroughly cleanse
4 and sterilize all cans, vessels and other utensils prior to their
5 being used in the manufacture, transportation, storage and
6 sale of said milk or cream.

All persons, firms and corporations engaged in the business
8 of retailing milk or cream, shall thoroughly cleanse and
9 sterilize all vessels, jars, cans and other utensils used in
10 the manufacture, storage and sale of milk or cream before
11 such vessels, jars or cans are filled for distribution. And
12 the place or room in which milk or cream is stored, bottled
13 or otherwise handled shall be kept in a clean and sanitary
14 condition.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions
16 of sections three and five of this act shall be fined not
17 exceeding the sum of fifty dollars.

Sect. 6. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall diligently
2 enforce, or cause to be enforced, all the provisions of this
3 act.

Sect. 7. Section eleven of chapter thirty-nine of the Re-
2 vised Statutes is hereby repealed.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect January first, nineteen
2 hundred and ten.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 22, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. ROUNDS of Port-
land and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*