

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 219

House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Porter of Mapleton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section three and section twelve of chapter thirty-six of the Revised Statutes, relating to Marking Packages of Agricultural Seeds.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter 36 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the words 'together with the name and amount of each kind of weed seed contained therein, and also a guarantee of the germinating power of the seed and the date of the test for germination,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. MARKING PACKAGES OF SEED. 1911, c. 2119, sect. 3. Every lot or package of agricultural seed

3 which is sold, distributed, transported, offered or exposed
4 for sale, distribution, or transportation for seed, in the state
5 by any person shall have affixed in a conspicuous place on the
6 outside thereof, a plainly written or printed statement clearly
7 and truly giving the name thereof and its minimum percent-
8 age of purity and freedom from foreign matter, together with
9 the names and amount of each kind of weed seed contained
10 therein, and also a guarantee of the germinating power of the
11 seed and the date of the test for germination.'

Sect. 2. Section 12 of said chapter 36 is hereby amended,
2 in the first paragraph thereof, namely, the paragraph defining
3 the adulteration of agricultural seed, by adding in the fourth
4 line of said paragraph after the word "plant" the words
5 'or any kind or amount of weed seed other than the kinds or
6 amounts represented in the statement required by section
7 three of this chapter third. If it, upon test for germination
8 made within six months of the date of test in statement under
9 the provisions of section three herein above, does not show
10 the same germinating power given in said statement pre-
11 scribed by the provisions of said section three,' so that said
12 third paragraph of said section twelve as amended shall read
13 as follows:

'Sect. 12. WHEN GOODS SHALL BE DEEMED TO
2 BE ADULTERATED. 1911, c. 119, sect. 11. For the pur-
3 pose of this chapter an article shall be deemed to be adul-
4 terated:

In case of AGRICULTURAL SEED:

First. If its purity falls below its accompanying guaranty.

Second. If it contains the seed of any poisonous plant, or
2 any kind or amount of weed seed other than the kinds or
3 amounts represented in the statement required by section
4 three of this chapter.

Third. If it, upon test of germination made within six
2 months of the date of test in statement under the provisions
3 of section three herein above, does not show the same germi-
4 nating power given in said statement prescribed by the pro-
5 visions of said section three.'