

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 238

House of Representatives, February 25, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Washburn from Committee on Agriculture
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Sections One, Ten, Eleven and Twenty-
four of Chapter Forty-six of the Revised Statutes, All Re-
lating to the Survey and Sale of Wood, Bark, Coal, Hoops,
Staves and Lumber.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter forty-six of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-
3 tion and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Section 1. All cord wood offered for sale shall be four
2 feet long, including half the scarf, and well and closely
3 laid together. A cord of wood or bark shall measure eight
4 feet in length, four feet in width and four feet in height, or

5 otherwise contain one hundred and twenty-eight cubic feet;
6 the measurer shall make due allowance for refuse or de-
7 fective wood and bad stowage. Any person or persons ex-
8 posing for sale as a cord of wood anything less shall be
9 fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars
10 for each offense. Cities and towns by ordinance may as-
11 sign location for teams to sell said cord wood and bark.'

Sect. 2. Chapter 46, section 10 of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 10. Anthracite, bituminous and all mineral coal
2 shall be sold by weight and two thousand pounds shall
3 constitute a ton. Coal put up in bags or package form
4 shall have marked on the bag in a plain and conspicuous
5 manner the net weight. For each violation of this act there
6 shall be a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than
7 one hundred dollars.'

Sect. 3. Chapter 46, section 11 of the revised statutes is
2 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and in-
3 serting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 11. The municipal officers shall annually appoint
2 weighers of coal. Weighers must give slips either in writ-
3 ing or printing to every purchaser of coal when not in
4 bags or packages showing the gross tare and net weight
5 for each and every load so delivered. For each violation
6 of this act there shall be a fine of not less than ten nor
7 more than twenty dollars.

Sect. 4. Chapter 46, section 24 of the revised statutes is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the
3 following: 'Where the violation of any of the provisions
4 of this chapter is made an offense with a fine attached, the
5 municipal courts and trial justices shall have concurrent
6 jurisdiction of such offenses with the Superior courts and
7 Supreme Judicial courts,' so that said section as amended
8 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 24. All pecuniary penalties aforesaid may be re-
2 covered by action of debt, indictment or complaint, and
3 all other forfeitures, by a libel filed by the treasurer or
4 any inhabitant of the town interested. Where the violation
5 of any of the provisions of this chapter is made an offense
6 with a fine attached, the municipal courts and trial jus-
7 tices shall have concurrent jurisdiction of such offenses
8 with the Superior courts and Supreme Judicial courts.'