

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 305

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House of Representatives, Feb. 28, 1919.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Alden of Gorham.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Forty-one,  
Public Laws Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Providing  
for the Improvement and Certification of Seed.

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

Amend chapter one hundred and forty-one, public laws  
2 nineteen hundred and seventeen, by striking out the word  
3 "three" in the third line and inserting the word 'four,' so  
4 that said act, as amended, shall read as follows:

Improvement and certification of seeds. Annual appropri-  
2 ation. The commissioner of agriculture is hereby author-  
3 ized to expend the sum of four thousand dollars annually  
4 for the improvement and certification of seeds produced in

5 the state, either for planting in the state or for shipping  
6 to other states or countries, by employing experts and suit-  
7 able assistants and by paying such expenses therewith as  
8 the commissioner may approve.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The work of the Bureau of Seed Improvement increased fifty-eight per cent. in nineteen hundred and eighteen over nineteen hundred and seventeen, and the outlook is that there will be an equally large increase in nineteen hundred and nineteen and nineteen hundred and twenty. Expenses are heavier and more help is needed during inspection season.