

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 360

House of Representatives, March 7, 1919.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wilson of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for Better Protection Against Adulterated, Misbranded or Inferior Commercial Fertilizer.

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

Section 19 of chapter 36 of the revised statutes is hereby
2 repealed and the following enacted in place thereof so that
3 said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 19. Analysis of Commodities. The commissioner
2 of agriculture shall have all the analyses of commodities
3 examined under the inspection laws of which he is the
4 executive made at the Maine Agricultural Experiment
5 Station. Provided, however, that in the case of commer-
6 cial fertilizer he shall have at least half of the samples

7 taken by him or his deputies analyzed by some reputable
8 chemist or chemists other than the Maine Agricultural
9 Experiment Station. Be it further enacted that all re-
10 ports of analyses made to the commissioner of agriculture
11 by any reputable chemist or chemists to which he may
12 subject samples for analyses shall be of equal value with
13 reports of analyses of the Maine Agricultural Experiment
14 Station as evidence in cases of prosecution or suits for
15 recovery of damages. The director of said station shall
16 analyze or cause to be analyzed all samples submitted to
17 him by said commissioner. Said station, chemist or chem-
18 ists to whom samples are sent shall be compensated to cover
19 the expense of said analyses by said commissioner.'