

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 429

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House of Representatives, March 15, 1919.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Austin of South Berwick.

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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 Section Eight, Chapter Thirty-six, Revised  
Statutes, Relating to the Registration of Fertilizers.

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

Amend section eight, chapter thirty-six, revised statutes,  
2 by adding to said section the following:

‘On the first day of January, nineteen hundred twenty, and  
2 on the first day of July and on the first day of January  
3 thereafter for the preceding six months, each person, who  
4 shall have registered with the commissioner of agriculture a  
5 fertilizer, shall make a sworn statement to the said commis-  
6 sioner of agriculture of the number of tons of said fertilizer  
7 sold or shipped into the state in the said period of time, and

8 shall pay the said commissioner of agriculture an inspection  
9 fee of three cents for each ton thus sold or shipped.

Provided, the said commissioner of agriculture shall use  
2 the information of said tonnage sales for the sole purpose of  
3 determining and collecting said inspection fee.' So that  
4 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 8. Sale and manufacture of commercial fertilizer,  
2 regulated; registration fee. Any person who shall manufac-  
3 ture, sell, distribute, transport, offer or expose for sale, dis-  
4 tribution or transportation in the state any commercial  
5 fertilizer shall before so doing file with the commissioner of  
6 agriculture for each and every fertilizer bearing a dis-  
7 tinguishing name or trade-mark, a certified copy of the state-  
8 ments named in section six. Said certified copy shall be  
9 accompanied when said commissioner shall so request with  
10 a sealed package containing not less than two pounds of the  
11 commercial fertilizer. The person who shall file said certifi-  
12 cate shall pay annually to the commissioner of agriculture a  
13 registration fee as follows: Ten dollars each for the nitrogen  
14 and the phosphoric acid and five dollars for the potash. con-  
15 tained or said to be contained in the fertilizer, this fee to be  
16 assessed on any brand offered for sale, distribution or trans-  
17 portation in the state. Whenever any person shall have filed  
18 said certificate and paid said registration fee, no other person  
19 shall be required to file such statement or pay such fee. On  
20 the first day of January, nineteen hundred twenty, for the  
21 preceding twelve months, and on the first day of July and on

22 the first day of January thereafter for the preceding six  
23 months, each person, who shall have registered with the  
24 commissioner of agriculture a fertilizer, shall make a sworn  
25 statement to the said commissioner of agriculture of the  
26 number of tons of said fertilizer sold or shipped into the  
27 state in the said period time, and shall pay the said com-  
28 missioner of agriculture an inspection fee of three cents for  
29 each ton thus sold or shipped. Provided, the said commis-  
30 sioner of agriculture shall use the information of said ton-  
31 nage sales for the sole purpose of determining and collecting  
32 said inspection fee.'