

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 261

In Senate, March 27, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Grant from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Emerson of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Four of Chapter Thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Section four of chapter thirty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first lines the following words: "For such expenses four thousand dollars shall be appropriated annually, to be paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers to the state auditor"; so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 4. Duty of commissioner to enforce law. 1909, c. 35, section 5; c. 242, section 6. 1911, c. 97. The commissioner of agriculture shall, either in person or by his duly authorized agent or assistant, diligently enforce the laws relating to the production, manufacture, transportation, storage and sale of milk and all other dairy products, substitutes therefor or imitations thereof, including oleomargarine and renovated butter. He shall likewise diligently enforce the laws relating to the sealing of cans, bottles and other vessels used in the purchase and sale of milk and cream, the protection thereof against mutilation, and the cleansing and sterilizing thereof before use or before being forwarded to producers or distributors of milk; and he may, either in person, or by his duly authorized agent or assistant, seize without warrant such cans, bottles or other vessels used in the purchase or sale of milk or cream, as may, in his judgment, be needed as evidence of violation of the laws above referred to. For the above purposes he may employ such agents, assistants, chemists, counsel and clerks, and he may purchase such samples of milk, cream and other dairy products, substitutes therefor or imitations thereof, as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of said laws.’