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H. P. 1336

House of Representatives, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and sent up for concurrence. 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Sellers of Milk and Cream.

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

R. S., c. 42, § 24, amended. Section 24 of chapter 42 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 24. Milk to be weighed and tested by Babcock test. All milk or cream purchased by any person, firm or corporation, for use in or to be re-sold by any creamery in this state, **at the option of the seller or producer,** shall be weighed and shall be tested by the Babcock test to ascertain the amount of butter-fat per pound therein contained; and the value of the cream or milk thus purchased shall be determined by the amount of butter-fat per pound as thus ascertained. **Sellers or producers as aforesaid who are making regular or daily delivery of milk or cream to the same purchaser that desire to sell said products as herein provided, shall give to the purchaser 10 days’ written notice of their desire to make future sales in accordance with the provisions hereof.** The test herein provided shall be made by the owners or operators of the creamery purchasing as aforesaid; but upon petition in writing, signed by 25% or more of the patrons of any creamery and addressed to the commissioner of agriculture, or upon petition in writing signed by the owner or operator of any creamery and addressed to said commissioner, one or more tests shall be made by, or under the direction

of said commissioner, and the finding of said commissioner shall be conclusive upon all parties therein concerned; provided, however, that when the total number of patrons of any one creamery exceeds 100 then the number of petitioners herein required need not exceed 30. All samples of cream tested by said test shall be weighed and the standard unit for testing shall be 18 grams.'