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§ 2101. Definition

The term "certified seed" as used in this Title shall be deemed to mean potato, vegetable, forage crop or grain seeds as shall have been grown and prepared for sale in accordance with regulations laid down by the commissioner and for which a certificate or tag has been issued as provided in section 2103. Authority to make all reasonable rules and regulations is given the said commissioner.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 142.

§ 2102. Certification and inspection fee

Any grower of potato, vegetable, forage crop or grain seeds may make application to the commissioner for inspection and certification of his crop growing or to be grown in this State, giving description of his land and such information as the said commissioner may require. He shall enter into an agreement to pay such fee into the State Treasury for said inspection and certification as the said commissioner shall deem necessary to cover the cost of inspection and certification. Thereupon his crops shall

be listed for inspection and inspected and certified by the said commissioner or his agents under such rules and regulations as the said commissioner may provide. Authority to make all reasonable rules and regulations is given the commissioner.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 143.

§ 2103. Certificates and counterfeits

The commissioner may issue a certificate or tag which shall be attached to each container or package in which certified seed shall be offered or exposed for sale. Such tag or certificate shall indicate the name of the grower, the shipping station or depot, the name of the inspector making the final inspection, the variety of the seed and shall bear the imprint of the seal of the State. Any tag having the words "inspected" or "certified seed" thereon, attached to the container or package in which certified seed shall be offered or exposed for sale, shall be so attached thereto that the whole of said certificate or tag shall be in full view. Any person who shall knowingly or willfully misuse any such tag or certificate or who shall attach to any package or container of seed which has not been duly inspected and certified, any such tag or certificate which shall have printed thereon the words "certified seed" or which by reason of color, size, shape or otherwise may convey the impression that such seed has been certified by the said commissioner or his agents shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each offense and shall be thenceforth denied the privileges of this chapter.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 144.

§ 2104. Arrears in payments

No person who is in arrears as to payment for past services of the department under sections 2101 to 2103 shall be entitled to further services until payment of all such arrears shall have been made.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 145.