

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 4.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SIXTY.

AN ACT providing for the Inspection of Hay.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SEC. 1. The mayor and aldermen of each city and
2 selectmen of each town, in this State, may, on the pe-
3 tition of ten or more legal voters of said city or town,
4 annually appoint one or more person as inspector of
5 bale or bundle hay, who shall be sworn to the faithful
6 discharge of the duties of the office.

SEC. 2. The said mayor and aldermen or selectmen,
2 respectively, may remove any inspector so appointed,
3 and fill any vacancy that may occur from death or
4 otherwise,

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the inspector to inspect and weigh all bale or bundle hay, within the limits of the city, town, or ward, for which he may be appointed, when requested so to do by the owner or vender of such hay.

SEC. 4. All bales or bundles of hay so inspected, which are found to be sweet, of good quality, and free from damage or improper mixture, shall be branded or marked No. 1. All bales or bundles which are found to be sweet, and free from damage or any improper mixture, but consisting of hay of a secondary quality, shall be branded or marked, No. 2. All bales or bundles which are found to be wet or have become in any way stained or damaged, or which shall contain any substances not valuable as hay, shall be branded or marked, bad. Each bale or bundle so inspected shall be branded or marked with the first letter of the christian name, and the whole of the surname of the inspector, and the name of the city or town for which he is inspector, together with the year when inspected, and also the net weight of the bundle.

SEC. 5. Each inspector shall furnish himself with proper scales, weights, seals, and other suitable instruments for the purposes aforesaid.

SEC. 6. The fees for inspecting, weighing and mark-

2 ing, as provided for in this act, shall be fixed by the
3 respective officers having the power of appointment,
4 and shall be paid by the purchaser, unless it shall be
5 otherwise agreed by the parties.

SEC. 7. Any person who shall sell any bale or bun-
2 dle hay, in any city or town in this State, where an
3 inspector is appointed, as required by this act, which
4 has not been inspected and weighed, as herein provided,
5 shall forfeit, for each bale or bundle so sold, ten dollars,
6 to be recovered in any court proper to try the same,
7 provided, that no inspection under this act shall be re-
8 quired, where neither the vendor nor vendee require it.

SEC. 8. If the master of any vessel takes on board
2 hay in bales or bundles, not inspected and branded as
3 aforesaid, he shall forfeit two dollars for each bundle
4 so received.

SEC. 9. Section thirty-seven, of chapter thirty-eight,
2 of the revised statutes, is hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 2, 1860.

Laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Attest: JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary*.