

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 16.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk.

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

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of cities shall, 2 and the selectmen of the towns may, annually appoint 3 one or more persons to be inspectors of milk for their 4 respective places, who shall before entering upon their 5 duties be sworn. Each inspector shall give notice of 6 his appointment, by publishing the same two weeks in 7 a newspaper published in his city or town, or if no 8 newspaper is published therein, by posting up such 9 notice in two or more public places in such city or 10 town.

SECT. 2. The inspectors shall keep an office and  
2 books, for the purpose of recording the names and  
3 places of business of all persons engaged in the sale of  
4 milk within their limits. They may enter any place  
5 where milk is stored or kept for sale, and all carria-  
6 ges used in the conveyance of milk, and whenever they  
7 have reason to believe any milk found therein is adul-  
8 terated, they shall take specimens thereof and cause  
9 the same to be analyzed or otherwise satisfactorily  
10 tested, the result of which they shall record and pre-  
11 serve as evidence, and a certificate of such result sworn  
12 to by the analyzer shall be admissible in evidence in  
13 all prosecutions under this act. The inspectors shall  
14 receive such compensation as the mayor and aldermen  
15 or selectmen shall determine.

SECT. 3. All measures, cans or other vessels used  
2 in the sale or purchase, at wholesale or retail of milk,  
3 shall be annually sealed by the sealer of weights and  
4 measures, by wine measure. And all cans so used  
5 shall be marked by the sealer with figures, showing  
6 the quantity which they hold.

SECT. 4. Whoever neglects to cause his name and  
2 place of business to be recorded in the inspector's  
3 books and his name legibly placed upon all carriages  
4 used by him in the conveyance of milk before engaging

5 in the sale thereof, and whoever sells or buys at whole-  
6 sale or retail milk by any other measure, cans or ves-  
7 sels than those sealed as before provided, shall forfeit  
8 twenty dollars for the first offence, and for a second  
9 and each subsequent offence fifty dollars. And who-  
10 ever offers for sale milk produced from cows known to  
11 be fed upon the refuse of distilleries or any substance  
12 deleterious to the quality of milk, or whoever know-  
13 ingly offers for sale milk produced from sick or dis-  
14 eased cows, shall forfeit twenty-five dollars for the first  
15 offence and fifty dollars for every subsequent offence.  
16 Whoever sells or keeps or offers for sale adulterated  
17 milk or milk to which water or any foreign substance  
18 has been added, shall for the first offence be punished  
19 by a fine of twenty dollars, and for a second offence  
20 by a fine of fifty dollars, and for any subsequent vio-  
21 lation he shall be imprisoned in the house of correction  
22 not less than thirty nor more than ninety days. And  
23 whoever in the employment of another knowingly vio-  
24 lates any provision of this section, shall be held equally  
25 guilty with the principal and suffer the same penalty.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon the first day  
2 of April next.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 1, 1866. }

Reported by Mr. CARGILL, from the Committee on Agriculture, and under the rule, 350 copies ordered to be printed.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*