

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 37.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

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

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of cities, and
2 selectmen of towns, where milk carts are driven, or
3 persons buy milk at wholesale, shall annually appoint
4 one or more persons to be inspectors of milk for their
5 respective city or town, who shall before entering upon
6 their duties, be sworn. Each inspector shall give
7 notice of his appointment, by publishing the same two
8 weeks in a newspaper published in his city or town,
9 or if no newspaper is published therein, by posting up
10 such notice in two or more public places in such city
11 or 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 carriages
6 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 in
2 the sale or purchase at wholesale or retail of milk shall
3 be annually sealed by the sealer of weights and mea-
4 sures, by wine measure. And all cans so used shall
5 be marked by the sealer with figures showing the
6 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 engag-

5 ing in the sale thereof, and whoever sells at wholesale
6 or retail, milk by any other measure, cans or vessels
7 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 whoever
10 offers for sale milk produced from cows known to be
11 fed upon the refuse of distilleries or any substance del-
12 eterious to the quality of milk, or whoever offers for
13 sale milk produced from sick or diseased cows, shall
14 forfeit twenty-five dollars for the first offence, and for
15 a second offence fifty dollars, and for any subsequent
16 violation he shall be imprisoned in the house of cor-
17 rection not less than thirty or more than ninety days.
18 Whoever sells or keeps or offers for sale adulterated
19 milk or milk to which water or any foreign substance
20 has been added, shall be punished by a fine of twenty
21 dollars, and for a second offence by a fine of fifty dol-
22 lars, and for any subsequent violation he shall be im-
23 prisoned in the house of correction not less than thirty
24 nor more than ninety days. And whoever in the em-
25 ployment of another knowingly violates any provisions
26 of this section shall be held equally guilty with the
27 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 9, 1866. }

Reported by Mr. CARGILL, from Committee on Agriculture.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*