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Presented by Mr. Gardner of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Controlled Atmosphere Storage of Apples.

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

R. S., c. 32, §§ 276-A - 276-D, additional Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding 4 new sections to be numbered 276-A to 276-D, to read as follows:

'Controlled Atmosphere Storage of Apples.

Sec. 276-A. Controlled atmosphere. No person shall sell or exchange or offer or expose for sale or exchange or transport for sale any apples represented as having been exposed to "controlled atmosphere," "modified atmosphere," alone or with other words, or shall so use any such term or form of words or symbols of similar import on any container or lot of apples advertised, sold, offered for sale or transported for sale within this State unless such apples have been kept in a room or storage building with not more than 5% oxygen for a minimum of 90 days.

Sec. 276-B. Registration. Any person owning or operating a controlled atmosphere room or storage building or packers or repackers of apples coming under section 276-A shall register with the commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The registration period shall commence on August 1st and end on July 31st of each year. Owners or operators of such a room or storage building shall register on or before August 1st of each year except the registration period for apples grown in 1961 shall commence on November 1, 1961 and end on July 31, 1962.

The commissioner shall assign each approved registrant a registration number preceded by the letters "Maine C. A." This number shall be clearly marked on all

containers coming under section 276-A and shall be in accordance with all provisions of law pertaining to markings for apples.

Sec. 276-C. Air components determinations. Each owner or operator shall make the required air components determinations daily. The percent of oxygen shall be reduced to 5% within 20 days after date of sealing.

Sec. 276-D. Records. A record on a form approved by the commissioner shall be kept at a convenient location adjacent to said room or storage building from the day of sealing to the day of opening of said room or storage building, and shall be subject to review by the commissioner or his authorized agents at any time for a period of at least one year. It shall include owner or operator's name and address, room number, date of sealing, date of opening, capacity in bushels, lot identification, number of bushels within each lot, daily air components determination recordings showing date of test, time of test, percentage of carbon dioxide, percentage of carbon dioxide and oxygen, percentage of oxygen, temperature and comments.

Each owner or operator shall submit to the department, within 20 days after date of sealing, a report in writing for each room showing room number, date of sealing and number of bushels contained therein.'