

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Knapp of Yarmouth by request.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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AN ACT Regulating Disposal of Dead Poultry.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, §§ 49-F-1 - 49-F-3, additional.** Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new sections to be numbered 49-F-1 to 49-F-3, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 49-F-1. Definitions. As used in sections 49-F-1 to 49-F-3, the following words shall have the following meanings:

I. Dead poultry. “Dead poultry” means any dead poultry except birds killed in the normal procedure in their preparation for human food.

II. Disposal pit. “Disposal pit” means a covered pit in the ground so constructed that its contents are not readily accessible to birds, animals or insects.

Sec. 49-F-2. Disposition of dead poultry. Dead poultry shall be burned, or buried at least 2 feet deep, or placed in a properly constructed disposal pit; or rendered or processed at recognized establishments.

Dead poultry transported over any public highway of the State shall be transported in closed containers, or a vehicle constructed or equipped in such manner that no dead birds or parts thereof can become lost from such vehicle or container.

It shall be illegal to keep or deposit any dead poultry on any premises or places where wild birds or animals have access to them. Public or private dumps are not considered to be proper disposal areas.

**Sec. 49-F-3. Certificate of compliance.** To aid in the enforcement of this law, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall issue to each person growing poultry for himself or others a certificate of compliance, when the grower provides and maintains a disposal method which complies with section 49-F-2.

No poultry processing plant shall purchase poultry from any person unless the seller can offer evidence of compliance with sections 49-F-1 to 49-F-3.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 32, § 49-G, amended.** Section 49-G of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 49-G. Penalty.** Whoever violates any provisions of sections 48-A to ~~49-F~~ 49-F-3, or any rule and regulation promulgated thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.'

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This act shall become effective January 1, 1962.