

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1344

S. P. 401

In Senate, February 8, 1961

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Parker of Piscataquis.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Collection of Dues by Milk Dealers for Cooperative Dairy Farmers Corporations.

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

R. S., c. 32, § 93-A, additional. Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 93-A, to read as follows :

'Sec. 93-A. Milk dealers to collect dues for cooperative dairy farmers corporations. Any person who, as a milk dealer, buys milk from dairy farmers for manufacture or resale, or who receives milk from dairy farmers on consignment for manufacture or resale, is required to deduct from the payments due for such milk any dues payable by any such dairy farmer as a member in a cooperative dairy farmers corporation. For the purpose of this section a cooperative dairy farmers corporation shall be any nonprofit or cooperative corporation, with membership chiefly limited to dairy farmers, having among its principal purposes the purpose of permitting dairy farmers to act collectively in promoting the marketing of their product or in improving method of production, manufacture or marketing within their industry, and having at least 50 dairy farmers resident in Maine among its members. No cooperative dairy farmers corporation shall be entitled to the benefits of this section unless and until such corporation shall have satisfied the Commissioner of Agriculture that it meets the requirements of this section and has obtained a certificate from said commissioner that it qualifies as a cooperative dairy farmers corporation under this section. No dealer shall be responsible to deduct dues of any dairy farmer due to a cooperative dairy farmers corporation until such corporation has given written notice, with written consent from the dairy farmer or member of a dairy farmers corporation, to such milk dealer requesting such deduction

and listing the names and addresses of its members then selling or consigning milk to such dealer, together with the rate of dues deductible on their accounts. Such dues shall be remitted at least as often as monthly by said dealer to the proper cooperative dairy farmers corporation. Any dealer complying with this section shall be entitled to retain and withhold from each remittance required 5% of the gross dues deducted as compensation for additional expense occasioned thereby. Any milk dealer failing to make the deductions and remittances required by this section shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100.'