

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 909

H. P. 654

House of Representatives, February 16, 1967

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hanson of Solon.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

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., T. 7, § 2902-A, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2902-A, to read as follows:

§ 2902-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, and notwithstanding the penalty provided, the commissioner shall have the power after due hearing to revoke or suspend any license issued under this section 2902.