

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Chick of Monmouth.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Clarifying Certain Milk and Milk Products Laws.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 2901, sub-§ 28, amended.** Subsection 28 of section 2901 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

**28. Skim milk.** Skim milk means milk which contains less than ~~3.25%~~ **0.5%** milk fat. The standard plate count of skim milk shall not be more than 50,000 colonies of bacteria per ~~ml~~ milliliter.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 7, § 2904, amended.** Section 2904 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

#### § 2904. Rules and regulations

The commissioner shall, after investigation and public hearing adopt and promulgate rules ~~and~~, regulations and standards of identity and quality to supplement and give full effect to sections 2901 to 2904 and 3101 to 3103. Such rules and regulations shall establish sanitary regulations pertaining to the production, processing, handling and distribution of milk, cream and other ~~dairy~~ milk products, **substitutes therefor, or imitations thereof**, including the construction, sanitary condition of buildings, grounds and equipment where milk or milk products, **substitutes therefor, or imitations thereof**, are produced, processed, handled and distributed. **The commissioner shall establish in accordance with the authority contained in this section, standards of identity and quality for milk products, substitutes therefor, or imitations thereof, which are not defined in sections 2901 to 2904.** Such rules ~~and~~, regulations and standards of identity and quality shall be filed and open for public inspection at the office of the commissioner and shall have the force of law.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 7, § 2908, amended.** Section 2908 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**§ 2908. Penalties**

Any firm, person, corporation or society who shall produce grade A milk, or pasteurized grade A milk for sale in the State or who shall sell milk or cream in the State without the license or licenses provided in section 2902, or who shall violate any of the provisions of sections 2901 to 2904 and 3101 to 3103, or neglects, fails or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of said sections and the rules ~~and~~, regulations **and standards of identity and quality** issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, and by a fine of not more than \$200 for each subsequent offense.