

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 5, 1969

On Motion of Mr. Lewis of Bristol, referred to Committee on Agriculture.
Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewis of Bristol.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Tax Licensed Marine Worm Diggers.

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

R. S., T. 36, c. 706, additional. Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 706, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 706

MARINE WORM TAX

§ 4451. Tax

All licensed marine worm dealers shall file with the State Tax Assessor, not later than the 10th of each month on a form furnished by the State Tax Assessor, a statement showing all purchases of marine worms from licensed marine worm diggers made during the previous month. The statement shall be accompanied by an amount of 5c per 100 marine worms purchased. The Statement shall be in duplicate and a copy shall be sent by the State Tax Assessor to the State Sealer of Weights and Measures. All licensed marine worm dealers shall collect the fee of 5c per 100 marine worms purchased from licensed marine worm diggers. The State Tax Assessor or his authorized agent may examine the books and records of all licensed marine worm dealers for the purpose of verifying monthly statements submitted to him.

The fees so collected by the State Tax Assessor shall be deposited with the Treasurer of State and shall be used by the Department of Agriculture to carry out this chapter. Such funds shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing account. The Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized, under the State Personnel Law, to employ such weights and measures inspectors as the funds

will provide. Inspection of the packaged marine worms will be in accordance with Title 10, section 2406. Such inspectors shall have free access, ingress and egress, at all reasonable hours, to any establishment where marine worms are held and may open any container of marine worms as may be required to make a proper inspection.

Any licensed marine worm dealer, who fails to file a statement and pay the fee required by this section, may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense nor more than \$200 for each subsequent offense.