

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 679

H. P. 516 Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hall of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Increasing the Hundredweight Fees Payable to Maine Milk Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 2956, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 2956 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 214 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Each licensed dealer shall pay to said commission an annual license fee of \$I and the sum of $\frac{4}{2}$ 5¢ per hundredweight as monthly payments, based on quantity of milk purchased or produced in any market area, or purchased or produced in an uncontrolled area and sold in any market area. Two and one-quarter Two and one-half cents per hundredweight may be deducted by dealers from amounts paid by them to producers of such milk, except that the milk, farm-processed into cream for the manufacture of butter shall not be subject to such sums of $\frac{4}{2}$ 5¢ per hundredweight.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall apply to milk purchased or produced on and after the first day of the month next following the month in which this Act becomes effective.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Milk Commission is supported entirely by dedicated revenues received from the dairy industry itself. The additional revenue realized by the above amendment is estimated at \$18,000 annually and will be applied toward defraying the general increase in operating expenses experienced by nearly all state agencies over the past few years.