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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1437

H. P. 1046

House of Representatives, March 10, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mahany of Easton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Prohibit False or Misleading Potato Labeling and Branding.

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

R. S., T. 7, § 953, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 953 to read as follows:

§ 953. False or misleading potato branding or labeling

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association, organization or corporation to expose for sale or sell at full sale or retail, to ship, deliver or consign, or have in possession potatoes prepared for market in containers which bear any statements, design or device regarding such potatoes which shall be false or misleading, in any particular, or potatoes packed in such manner that the face or shown surface is not an average of the contents of the package, or potatoes that fail to meet the grade requirements established and promulgated by the Commissioner of Agriculture or potatoes that are accompanied by a bill of lading false or misleading in any particular. When a violation of the above provisions occurs, it is deemed to have taken place at the point where such violation first became evident to the commissioner or his duly authorized representative.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to prevent false or misleading potato labeling and branding.