

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1891

H. P. 1448

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT Relating to Fees for Marketing and Advertising Farm Products.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 7, § 402, amended.** The first sentence of section 402 of Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The commissioner may investigate and furnish statements to shippers and other interested parties as to the quality and condition of fruits, vegetables, dairy and other perishable farm products when received within the State for intrastate or interstate commerce, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, including payment of such fees as will be reasonable and ~~as nearly as may be to cover the cost for the service rendered to be determined by him.~~

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture, Division of Markets, from the General Fund the sum of \$100,000 to defray the costs of personal services to carry out the marketing and advertising of farm products. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Markets

Personal Services

(12) \$100,000

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective on July 1, 1972.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that the State will participate financially in determining that perishable farm products placed upon the market will be of quality and condition sufficient to improve the marketing of those products for the benefit of the economy of the State of Maine.