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## ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

No. 1927

S. P. 615 In Senate, May 10, 1973 Reported by Senator Fortier of Oxford from the Committee on Taxation and printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

#### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

### AN ACT Relating to Maine Sardine Inspection Service.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, § 4156, repealed and replaced. Section 4156 of Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

# § 4156. Fees; disposition

- I. Fees. Each packer shall pay monthly to the Commissioner of Agriculture, not later than the 10th day of each month, 8¢ per case on the amount of sardines packed during the previous month, toward the cost of maintaining the inspection provided for in section 4155 and as part of the fee for obtaining and retaining his license. All license fees and all money received under this chapter by the commissioner shall be paid by him to the Treasurer of State and the same are hereby appropriated for carrying out this chapter and for no other purpose.
- 2. Surplus. In the event payments by the packers in one year exceed the amount expended in that year, the amount of surplus shall be carried forward from year to year and the same shall be expended for the purposes of this chapter during those years in which payments by the packers are insufficient to support current expenditures.
- 3. Contingency fund. There is established a contingency fund not to exceed \$20,000 to be expended for the purpose of carrying out this chapter in the event that there is no surplus from previous years and it is determined by the commissioner that payments by the packers are insufficient to cover current expenditures. If at the end of the fiscal year there is a surplus as de-

scribed in subsection 2, the same shall revert to the contingency fund up to the total amount expended under this subsection.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, the sum of \$20,000 to the contingency fund established by the Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 4156, subsection 3.