

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1374

S. P. 417

In Senate, April 1, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Division of Hundredweight Fees between the Maine Milk Commission and the Maine Dairy Council Committee.

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

7 MRSA § 2956, 3rd ¶, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 128, §§ 1 and 2, is further amended to read:

Each licensed dealer shall pay to said commission an annual license fee of \$1 and the sums of ~~5¢~~ 6¢ 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-half~~ Three 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 ~~5¢~~ 6¢ per hundredweight.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Milk Commission and Maine Dairy Council Committee are supported entirely by dedicated revenues received from Maine's dairy industry. The current division of the 5¢ hundredweight fee assessment is 2¢ to the Maine Milk Commission and 3¢ to the Maine Dairy Council Committee. The additional income that will be realized by the above amendment, which approximates \$34,500 annually, shall be applied toward defraying the general increase in operating expenses of the Milk Commission in order that the current level of the Commission's quality of effectiveness can be maintained. The Maine Dairy Council Committee's share of the proposed 6¢ fee assessment will continue at 3¢ per hundredweight.