

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 14.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

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### AN ACT regulating the sale of milk.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of cities, and  
2 the selectmen of towns, may annually appoint one or  
3 more persons to be inspectors of milk; *provided* such  
4 city or town contain not less than three thousand  
5 inhabitants; who shall, before entering upon the dis-  
6 charge of the duties of their office, be sworn. Each  
7 inspector shall give notice of his appointment, by pub-  
8 lishing the same two weeks in a newspaper published  
9 in his city or town, or if no newspaper is published  
10 therein, by posting up such notice in two or more  
11 public places in said town.

SECT. 2. The inspectors shall keep an office and

2 books for the purpose of recording the names and  
3 places of business of all persons engaged in the sale of  
4 milk within their limits. They may enter any place  
5 where milk is kept or stored for sale, and examine all  
6 carriages used in the conveyance of the same; and  
7 whenever and wherever they have reason to believe  
8 any milk found therein is adulterated, they shall take  
9 specimens thereof, and cause the same to be analyzed,  
10 or otherwise satisfactorily tested, the result of which  
11 they shall preserve as evidence, and shall prosecute  
12 for all violations of the provisions of sections third and  
13 fourth. They shall receive such compensation as the  
14 mayor and aldermen or selectmen may determine.

SECT. 3. All measures, cans or other vessels used  
2 in the sale of milk, shall annually be sealed by the  
3 sealer of weights and measures, by wine measure, and  
4 all measures, cans or vessels shall be marked by the  
5 sealer with figures indicating the quantity which they  
6 hold, and whoever sells by any other measure, can or  
7 vessel than before provided, shall forfeit twenty dol-  
8 lars for each offence.

SECT. 4. Whoever knowingly, or wilfully sells or  
2 offers for sale, milk from diseased or sick cows, or milk  
3 produced from cows fed upon the refuse of breweries  
4 or distilleries, or upon any substance deleterious to the  
5 quality of the milk, or adulterated milk, or milk to

6 which water is added, or any foreign substance, shall  
7 forfeit twenty dollars for the first offence, and fifty  
8 dollars for every subsequent offence ; and whoever, in  
9 the employment of another, knowingly violates the  
10 provisions of this section, shall be held equally guilty  
11 with the principal, and be liable to the same penalties,  
12 to be recovered by complaint or indictment before any  
13 court having jurisdiction of the same.

SECT. 5. All penalties under this act shall be re-  
2 covered for the benefit of the town or city where the  
3 offence is committed.

STATE OF MAINE.

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THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*