

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 55.

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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 to prevent fraud in the sale of commercial manures.

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

SECTION 1. Commercial manures sold or kept for  
2 sale in this state shall have affixed to every barrel,  
3 bag or parcel thereof which may contain fifty pounds  
4 or upwards, a printed label, which shall specify the  
5 name of the manufacturer or seller, his place of busi-  
6 ness and the per centage which it contains of the fol-  
7 lowing constituents, to wit : of soluble phosphoric acid,  
8 of insoluble phosphoric acid, and of ammonia.

SECT. 2. Whoever sells or keeps for sale commercial  
2 manures not labelled in accordance with the provisions  
3 of the first section of this act, or who shall affix thereto

4 labels specifying a larger per centage of the constitu-  
5 ents mentioned in said first section, or either of them,  
6 than is contained therein, shall be punished by a fine  
7 of ten dollars for the first, and twenty dollars for the  
8 second and each subsequent offence ; to be recovered  
9 on complaint before any tribunal of competent jurisdic-  
10 tion.

SECT. 3. Any purchaser of commercial manures  
2 bearing label, as provided for by the first section of  
3 this act, and which contains less than the percentage  
4 stated in said label, may recover from the seller, in an  
5 action for debt, twenty-five cents for every pound of  
6 soluble phosphoric acid ; six cents for every pound of  
7 insoluble phosphoric acid, and thirty-five cents for  
8 every pound of ammonia deficient therein.

SECT. 4. By the term soluble phosphoric acid,  
2 wherever used in this act, is meant phosphoric acid in  
3 any form or combination readily soluble in pure  
4 water ; and by the term insoluble phosphoric acid, is  
5 meant phosphoric acid in any combination which re-  
6 quires the action of acid upon it to cause the same to  
7 become readily soluble in pure water.

SECT. 5. The provisions of this act shall not apply  
2 to porgy chum, nor to any manure prepared exclusively  
3 from fish and sold as such, nor to any other commer-

4 cial manure which is sold at a price not exceeding one  
5 cent per pound.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect on the first of  
2 July next.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 5, 1869.

Laid on the table, by leave, by Mr. LANG of Kennebec, and  
printed under the Joint Rule.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*