

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty - Third Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 74.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-SEVEN.

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### AN ACT to regulate the sale and analysis of Commercial Fertilizers.

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

SECTION 1. The manufacturer, company, or per-  
2 son selling or offering for sale in this State, any  
3 commercial fertilizers exceeding ten dollars per  
4 ton in price shall, on or before the first day of  
5 March annually, or before offering the same for  
6 sale, register in the office of the department of the  
7 Maine State College of Agriculture and the Me-  
8 chanic Arts known as the Agricultural Experiment  
9 Station, the name or trade mark under which the

10 fertilizer is sold, the name of the manufacturer,  
11 and the place of manufacture.

SECT. 2. Any manufacturer, company or person  
2 who shall offer, sell, or expose for sale in this State,  
3 any commercial fertilizer, the price of which ex-  
4 ceeds ten dollars per ton, shall affix to every pack-  
5 age, in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof,  
6 a plainly printed certificate, stating the number of  
7 net pounds in the package sold or offered for sale,  
8 the name or trade-mark under which the article is  
9 sold, the name of the manufacturer, and the place  
10 of manufacture, and a chemical analysis stating the  
11 percentage of nitrogen, or its equivalent in ammonia  
12 in available form, of potash soluble in water, and  
13 of phosphoric acid in available form, soluble or  
14 reverted, as well as the total phosphoric acid.

SECT. 3. Any representative or agent of said  
2 station is hereby empowered to select from three  
3 different parcels or packages of commercial fertili-  
4 zers, taken from three different sections of the  
5 State, held or offered for sale in this State, quanti-  
6 ties not exceeding two pounds from each package,  
7 which quantities shall be for analyses, and the  
8 average of the several analysis shall be taken to  
9 compare with the certificate found on the given  
10 packages, held or offered for sale; and said station

11 may cause to be selected each year, at least three  
12 samples, as aforesaid, from each brand held for  
13 sale. The agent shall select these samples, in the  
14 presence of some representative of the company,  
15 from which the quantities are so selected, and  
16 shall deliver one-half of said samples, properly  
17 sealed by him, to said representative.

SECT. 4. Any person or party, who shall offer or  
2 expose for sale any commercial fertilizer, without  
3 complying with the requirements of sections one and  
4 two of this act, shall be fined not less than twenty-  
5 five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for  
6 the first offense, and not less than one hundred  
7 dollars nor more than three hundred dollars for  
8 each subsequent offense.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect October first,  
2 eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

SECT. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent  
2 with this act are hereby repealed.

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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**IN SENATE, March 5, 1887.**

Presented by **Mr. LIBBEY**, and, on motion of same Senator, pending reference to the Committee on Agriculture, laid on table to be printed.

**C. W. TILDEN**, Secretary.