

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 370.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT for the Protection of Dairymen.

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

SECTION 1. All bottles, pipetts or other measuring
2 glasses used by any person, firm or corporation, or their
3 agents or employers, at any creamery, butter factory,
4 cheese factory or condensed milk factory, or elsewhere in
5 this state, in determining by the Babcock test, or by any
6 other test, the value of milk or cream received from differ-
7 ent persons or parties at such creameries or factories, shall
8 before such use be tested for accuracy of measurement
9 and for accuracy of the per cent scale marked thereon.
10 Such bottles, pipetts or measuring glasses shall bear in
11 marks or characters ineffaceable the evidence that such
12 test has been made by the authority named in section two

13 of this act. And no inaccurate bottles, pipetts or other
14 glasses shall bear such marks or characters.

SECT. 2. It is hereby made the duty of the director of
2 the state college experiment station, or other competent
3 person designated by him, to test the accuracy of all
4 bottles, pipetts or other measuring glasses used by per-
5 sons, firms or corporations in this state buying or pooling
6 milk or cream, or apportioning butter or cheese made
7 from the same, by the contents of butter fat contained
8 therein. The director of the experiment station, or the
9 person designated by him, shall mark such bottles, pipetts
10 or other measuring glasses as are found correct in marks
11 or characters which cannot be erased and which marks or
12 characters shall stand as proof that they have been so
13 tested. The director of the experiment station shall
14 receive for such service the actual cost incurred, and no
15 more, the same to be paid by the persons or corporations
16 for whom it is done.

SECT. 3. Any person, either for himself or in the
2 employ of any other person, firm or corporation, who
3 manipulates the Babcock test or any other test, whether
4 mechanical or chemical, for the purpose of measuring the
5 contents of butter fat in milk or cream for a basis of
6 apportioning the value of such milk or cream, or the but-
7 ter or cheese made from the same, shall secure a certifi-
8 cate from the superintendent of the dairy school at the
9 state college of agriculture and mechanic arts that he or
10 she is competent and well qualified to perform such work.
11 The rules and regulations in the application for such cer-
12 tificate and in the granting of the same shall be such as
13 the superintendent of that school may arrange, and the

14 fee for issuing a certificate shall in no case exceed one dol-
15 lar, the same to be paid by the applicant.

SECT. 4. Whoever uses, or has in his possession with
2 intent to use, at any creamery, butter factory, cheese
3 factory or condensed milk factory, any sulphuric acid of
4 less than one and eighty-two hundredths of specific purity
5 in the process known as the Babcock test, or any other
6 test for determining the butter-fat contents of milk or
7 cream shall on conviction pay a fine not exceeding twenty-
8 five dollars for the first offence, and for a second offence a
9 sum not exceeding fifty dollars. Any person, firm or
10 corporation violating the provisions of section one of this
11 act, shall on conviction pay a fine not exceeding fifty dol-
12 lars for the first offense, and for a second offense a sum
13 not exceeding one hundred dollars; and any person viola-
14 ting section three of this act shall on conviction pay a fine
15 not exceeding ten dollars. And it shall be the duty of
16 every inspector of milk, sheriff, deputy sheriff and consta-
17 ble to institute complaint against any person or persons
18 violating the within named provisions of this act, and on
19 conviction one-half of the fines shall go to complainant
20 and the balance to the state.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect in six months from
2 the date of its approval.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 14, 1895. }

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*