

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 211

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

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AN ACT regulating the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture relating to the manufacture and sale of dairy products and their imitations.

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

Section 1. Section nine of chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

“The commissioner of agriculture shall inquire into the methods of making butter and cheese in creameries or cheese factories, together with the methods of taking, preserving and testing samples of milk and cream in the same, investigate all dairy products and the production thereof, and shall dis-

10 seminate such information as will tend to produce a better  
11 quality thereof. He shall act for the State in the enforce-  
12 ment of the laws relating to the production, sale or manu-  
13 facture of milk, oleomargarine or renovated butter;’ so that  
14 said section as amended shall read as follows :

‘Sect. 9. The commissioner of agriculture shall inquire into  
16 the methods of making butter and cheese in creameries or  
17 cheese factories, together with the methods of taking, pre-  
18 serving and testing samples of milk and cream in the same,  
19 investigate all dairy products and the production thereof, and  
20 shall disseminate such information as will tend to produce a  
21 better quality thereof. He shall act for the State in the  
22 enforcement of the laws relating to the production, sale or  
23 manufacture of milk, oleomargarine or renovated butter ; and  
24 for the above purposes he may employ chemists, agents and  
25 counsel, as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of  
26 such laws ; and for such expenses there shall be appropriated  
27 a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be allowed upon  
28 the approval of the governor and council upon the presenta-  
29 tion of proper itemized vouchers.’

Sect. 2. He and his agents and assistants shall have access  
2 to all places of business, factories, buildings, carriages and  
3 cars used in the manufacture, transportation or sale of dairy  
4 products or imitations thereof, and to all vessels and cans  
5 used in the manufacture and sale of dairy products and their  
6 imitations. Whoever hinders, obstructs, or in any way inter-  
7 feres with the commissioner of agriculture, his agents, a milk  
8 inspector or other authorized officer in the performance of

9 his duty shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars  
10 for the first offense and of two hundred dollars for each sub-  
11 sequent offense.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, February 22, 1905.

Reported by Mr. PURINTON from Committee on Agriculture and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*