

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 365

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to regulate the purchase of milk or cream by
creameries.

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

Section 1. On and after July first, in the year nineteen hun-
2 dred and five, all milk or cream purchased by any person, firm
3 or corporation, for use in or to be resold by any creamery in
4 this State, shall be weighed and shall be tested by the Bab-
5 cock test to ascertain the amount of butter fat per pound
6 therein contained; and the value of the cream or milk thus
7 purchased shall be determined by the amount of butter fat
8 per pound as thus ascertained. The test herein provided
9 shall be made by the owners or operators of the creamery

10 purchasing as aforesaid, but upon petition in writing, signed
11 by twenty-five per cent or more of the patrons of any cream-
12 ery and addressed to the commissioner of agriculture, or
13 upon petition in writing signed by the owner or operator of
14 any creamery and addressed to said commissioner, one or
15 more test shall be made by, or under the direction of said
16 commissioner, and the finding of said commissioner shall be
17 conclusive upon all parties therein concerned. Provided,
18 however, that when the total number of patrons of any one
19 creamery exceeds one hundred then the number of petitioners
20 herein required by patrons need not exceed thirty. All sam-
21 ples of cream treated by said test shall be weighed and the
22 standard unit for testing shall be 18 grams.

Sect. 2. Any person, firm or corporation, or the servant
2 or agent of any person, firm or corporation, who shall violate
3 the provisions of the preceding section shall be deemed guilty
4 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be pun-
5 ished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars or by imprisonment
6 not exceeding thirty days for every such violation.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 3, 1905.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*