

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

220

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to establish a standard unit of measure and a standard size of can for the sale of milk and cream, and to regulate the sanitary conditions under which milk and cream shall be handled.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. All milk and cream bought and sold by measure
2 for consumption within this State shall be bought and sold
3 by wine measure, the standard for which shall be two hun-
4 dred and thirty-one cubic inches to the gallon, and for sub-
5 divisions of the gallon, in the same proportion.

Sect. 2. All measures, cans or other vessels used in the
2 purchase or sale of milk or cream shall be tried and proved

3 by the standard mentioned in the preceding section, by the
4 sealer of weights and measures of the city or town in which
5 such milk or cream is to be consumed, who shall, agreeably
6 to such standard plainly stamp thereon the quantity which
7 such measures, cans or other vessels hold, together with the
8 date of the calendar year in which such measures, cans or
9 other vessels are sealed. Any person, firm or corporation
10 who shall purchase or sell by measure any milk or cream by
11 any other than the measures so tried, sealed and marked,
12 shall forfeit for each offence the sum of ten dollars.

Sect. 3. When milk or cream is purchased by measure at
2 wholesale by any person, firm or corporation engaged in the
3 business of buying or selling milk or cream or both, the can
4 or other vessel containing such milk or cream shall hold
5 eight quarts and one pint and no more, and all new cans or
6 other vessels purchased by any wholesale dealer in milk or
7 cream, to be used for the purpose of receiving such milk or
8 cream by measure, purchased by them between the first day
9 of August, 1909, and the time when this act shall go into
10 effect shall contain eight quarts and one pint, and no more,
11 and shall be tried, proved, sealed and marked as herein pro-
12 vided.

Sect. 4. Whoever by himself or by his servant or agent,
2 or as the servant or agent of any other person, firm or cor-
3 poration having custody of a milk can, measure or other
4 vessel used as a container for milk destined for sale, shall
5 wantonly, wilfully or maliciously indent, bend or otherwise

6 mutilate said can, measure or other vessel so that the same
7 will not contain eight quarts and one pint, standard measure,
8 as hereinbefore provided, or who shall wantonly, wilfully or
9 maliciously erase, efface or otherwise mutilate said can,
10 measure or other vessel so that any names, figures or other
11 marks placed thereon by a sealer of weights and measures
12 shall become illegible shall be punished by a fine not exceed-
13 ing fifty dollars.

Sect. 5. All persons, firms and corporations who shall pur-
2 chase milk or cream for the purpose of reselling the same,
3 either at wholesale or retail, shall thoroughly cleanse and
4 sterilize all cans, vessels and other utensils prior to their
5 being used in the manufacture, transportation, storage and
6 sale of said milk or cream.

All persons, firms and corporations engaged in the business
8 of retailing milk or cream, shall thoroughly cleanse and
9 sterilize all vessels, jars, cans and other utensils used in the
10 manufacture, storage and sale of milk or cream immediately
11 before such vessels, jars or cans are filled for distribution.
12 And the place or room in which milk or cream is stored, bot-
13 tled or otherwise handled shall be kept in a clean and sani-
14 tary condition.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of
16 sections three and five of this act shall be fined not exceeding
17 the sum of fifty dollars.

Sect. 6. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall diligently
2 enforce, or cause to be enforced, all the provisions of this
3 act.

Sect. 7. Section eleven of chapter thirty-nine of the Re-
2 vised Statutes is hereby repealed.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect April first, nineteen hun-
2 dred and ten.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 16, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*