

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 77

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for the uniform grading, packing, and  
branding of apples.

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

Section 1. All barrels, boxes, crates and other closed pack-  
2 ages of apples intended or offered for sale in the State of  
3 Maine, or for shipment outside of the State of Maine, shall  
4 be marked on the side and end in plain letters not less than  
5 one inch long with the full name and address of the pur-  
6 chaser or owners of said apples at the time of packing, the  
7 true name of the variety, and the class or grade as defined  
8 below.

Sect. 2. Fancy apples shall be hand picked, uniform, free  
2 from scab, fungus diseases, worms, worm stings or bruises,

3 of high color and above normal size for the variety.

Sect. 3. The "No. 1" class or grade shall consist of well  
2 matured apples of one variety of good color for the variety,  
3 not less than two and one-quarter inches in diameter, hand  
4 picked, of normal shape and size, sound and free from scab,  
5 fungus diseases, bruises, and all material defects, and shall  
6 be packed in clean, strong barrels.

Any package, barrel or box of apples containing more than  
8 ten per centum of apples below this standard shall not be  
9 classed as "No. 1" class or grade.

Sect. 4. The "No. 2" class or grade shall consist of well  
2 matured apples of one variety, not less than two inches in  
3 diameter, of medium color for the variety and of normal  
4 shape; apples less than two and one-quarter inches in diam-  
5 eter must be sound; apples two and quarter inches in diam-  
6 eter, or over, may have one defect such as a worm hole or  
7 a bruise, if the skin of the apple is not broken, and shall be  
8 properly packed.

Any package, barrel or box of apples containing more than  
10 twenty per centum of apples below this standard shall not  
11 be classed as "No. 2" class or grade.

Sect. 5. The standard measure of capacity for all apple  
2 barrels shall be three bushels; the barrel shall be of no less  
3 dimensions than seventeen and one-eighth inches for the  
4 head diameter, length of stave twenty-eight and one-half  
5 inches, with bulge circumference not less than sixty-four  
6 inches outside measurement, and shall be plainly marked

7 "Standard Barrel." Barrels of less dimensions and capac-  
8 ity shall be plainly marked on end and side "Short Barrel"  
9 with figures indicating the fractional part of a "Standard  
10 Barrel" therein contained.

The standard bushel box shall be 20 inches by eleven and  
12 one-quarter by ten inches, inside measurement, or of such  
13 dimensions as shall contain 2250 cubic inches, and marked  
14 "Standard Bushel Box." Any box of less dimensions than  
15 the above named shall be plainly marked on top and side  
16 "Short Box" and with the fractional part of a bushel therein  
17 contained.

Sect. 6. All apples offered for sale or shipment and not  
2 conforming to the foregoing provisions as to variety, size,  
3 or other conditions shall be marked "Unclassified."

Sect. 7. Any person, corporation, or firm who sells or  
2 offers for sale barrels, boxes, crates and other closed pack-  
3 ages of apples not conforming to the provisions of this act;  
4 or any person, corporation or firm who manufactures barrels,  
5 boxes, crates, or other closed packages for the apple or fruit  
6 trade, not conforming to the provisions of this act, shall  
7 be fined not less than 25 cents and not more than one dollar,  
8 for each barrel, box, crate, or other package, so sold or  
9 offered for sale, or so manufactured.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

January 28, 1909.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Agriculture and on motion by Mr. HOWES of Somerset tabled for printing.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*