

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 678

House of Representatives, March 20, 1911.

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the further analysis of commercial
fertilizers.

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

Section 1. Any person within the State may send to the
2 Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station
3 samples of commercial fertilizers sold or offered for sale
4 within the State for the purpose of analysis under the fol-
5 lowing conditions: Said samples shall be taken in the pres-
6 ence of a witness from not less than five packages of proper-
7 ly stored commercial fertilizer in accordance with directions
8 to be furnished by said director; a copy of all marks upon or
9 affixed to the package, including the brand or trademark, the
10 name of the manufacturer and the guaranteed chemical

11 analysis, shall accompany the sample or be deposited with
12 the Secretary of the Grange or the Selectman of the town
13 where the sample is taken.

Sect. 2. On receipt of a sample of commercial fertilizer
2 accompanied by (1) a certified statement signed by the wit-
3 ness that the sample was taken as provided in Section 1 of
4 this act, (2) a copy of the marks on or affixed to the pack-
5 age from which the sample was procured or a signed state-
6 ment from the Secretary of a Grange or a Selectman that
7 the copy of the marks upon the package have been deposited
8 with him, and (3) an analysis fee of \$10.00 for each sample,
9 the Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station
10 shall make or cause to be made an analysis of the fertilizer
11 and shall forthwith report the results of said analysis to the
12 sender.

Sect. 3. If on receipt of the copy of the marks upon the
2 package from which the sample of commercial fertilizer
3 was taken, it shall be found that not more than one sample
4 of the same brand has been analyzed by said Director within
5 the year, or if the actual analysis shall differ materially from
6 the guaranteed analysis, the analysis made by said Director
7 shall be deemed to be of public importance, and the analysis
8 fee shall be returned to the person who sent the sample.
9 If the actual analysis agrees reasonably with the guaranteed
10 analysis and more than one sample of the brand from which
11 said sample was taken shall have been examined within the
12 year, said Director shall pay said analysis fee to the Treas-

13 urer of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station and it
14 shall be used for the enforcement of the inspection laws of
15 which the said Director is the executive. And the said
16 Director shall publish the official bulletin, giving the results
17 of analyses that are deemed to be of public importance, an-
18 nually in the month of October.