

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 444

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*House of Representatives, March 7, 1913.*

*Reported by Mr. Tobey from Committee on Agriculture, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT relative to sealing milk bottles and jars.

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

Section 1. Glass bottles and jars which are used for the  
2 distribution of milk or cream to consumers and which hold,  
3 when filled to a level with the bottom of the cap or stopple,  
4 not less than thirty-two ounces or more than thirty-two  
5 ounces and six drams; not less than sixteen ounces or more  
6 than sixteen ounces and four drams; not less than eight  
7 ounces or more than eight ounces and two drams for the  
8 quart, pint and one-half pint respectively, shall be sealed  
9 as full measure under the provisions of section seven, chap-

10 ter forty-four of the Revised Statutes, 1903, or by the man-  
11 ufacturer.

All dealers in milk or cream who use glass bottles or jars  
13 for the distribution of milk or cream to consumers, which  
14 have not been sealed by the manufacturer, shall bring in  
15 such bottles or jars to the office of their city or town sealer  
16 to be sealed as aforesaid. If a bottle or jar has once been  
17 sealed by a sealer of weights and measures or by the man-  
18 ufacturer, it shall not in any case be necessary to have it  
19 sealed again at any time while it is used for the distribution  
20 of milk or cream to consumers.

Glass bottles or jars sealed under the provisions of this  
22 section shall not be legal measures except for the distribu-  
23 tion of milk or cream to consumers.

Such bottles or jars as are sealed by the manufacturers  
25 shall be marked with the name, initials or trade mark of the  
26 manufacturer, and designating number, which designating  
27 number shall be different for each manufacturer and may  
28 be used in identifying the bottles. The designating number  
29 shall be furnished by the state sealer of weights and meas-  
30 ures upon application by the manufacturer, and upon filing  
31 by the manufacturer of a bond with the treasurer of the  
32 state in the sum of one thousand dollars with sureties to be  
33 approved by the attorney general, conditioned upon their  
34 conformance with this section. A record of the bonds fur-  
35 nished, the designating numbers and to whom furnished,

36 shall be kept in the office of the state sealer of weights and  
37 measures.

Any manufacturer who sells milk or cream bottles to be  
39 used in this state that do not comply as to size and mark-  
40 ings with the provisions of this section, shall suffer the pen-  
41 alty of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by the attor-  
42 ney general in an action against the offender's bondsmen to  
43 be brought in the name of the people of the state. Any  
44 dealer who uses for the purpose of selling milk or cream,  
45 jars or bottles purchased after this law takes effect that do  
46 not comply with the requirements of this section as to mark-  
47 ings and capacity, shall be deemed guilty of using false or  
48 insufficient measures.

Sect. 2. Section eleven of chapter two hundred and fifty-  
2 four of the Public Laws of 1909 is hereby repealed.