

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 45

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 30, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Agriculture and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Tuttle of Caribou.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the improvement and certification of  
seed produced in the state.

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

Section 1. The Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby  
2 authorized to expend the sum of \$3,000 annually for the im-  
3 provement and certification of seeds produced in the state,  
4 either for planting in the state or for shipping to other states  
5 or countries, by employing experts and suitable assistants  
6 and by paying such expenses therewith as the commissioner  
7 may approve.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The purpose of this appropriation is to pay the salary and traveling expenses of someone to have charge of the work and also to meet incidental expenses. This work was commenced several years ago at the instanc of the Maine Seed Improvement Association and hitherto has been carried on under the direction of the Dairy Bureau. The time has come, however, when it does not seem wise to continue with this arrangement. The work of seed improvement is one of the most important ever undertaken by the Agricultural Department and the Maine Seed Improvement Association is asking that it be placed under a separate bureau.