

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 218

House of Representatives, February 20, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Baxter of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to the Quality of Coal Sold at Retail.

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

Section 1. The Public Utilities Commission is hereby au-
2 thorized and directed to investigate the quality of anthra-
3 cite coal sold at retail in this state and to prescribe a stand-
4 ard for the same. The standard so established shall be
5 promulgated by circulars sent to all coal dealers in the
6 state, so far as they can be ascertained, and by publication
7 in the newspapers or otherwise as the commission may deem
8 best. The said standard shall be determined and promul-
9 gated as aforesaid on or before the fifteenth day of July
10 in the current year, and it shall be unlawful for any person
11 to sell at retail in this state any anthracite coal which falls

12 below the standard so established. Violation of the pro-
13 visions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not
14 less than five nor more than five hundred dollars for each
15 offence.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the attorney-general and
2 of the several county attorneys to investigate any alleged
3 case of the violation of the standard established hereunder,
4 and to prosecute any persons, firms or corporations guilty
5 of such violation.