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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 482

House of Representatives, March 22, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Plummer from Committee on Agriculture
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Three and Section Twelve of Chap-
ter Thirty-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Marking
Packages of Agricultural Seeds.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter thirty-six of the re-
2 vised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the
3 words 'together with the name and amount of each kind
4 of noxious weed seed contained therein, and also a guaran-
5 tee of the germinating power of the seed and the date of
6 the test for germination,' so that said section as amended
7 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. MARKING PACKAGES OF SEED. 1911, c.
2 119, Sect. 3. Every lot or package of agricultural seed

3 which is sold, distributed, transported, offered or exposed
4 for sale, distribution or transportation for seed, in the
5 state by any person shall have affixed in a conspicuous
6 place on the outside thereof, a plainly written or printed
7 statement clearly and truly giving the name thereof and
8 its minimum percentage of purity and freedom from for-
9 eign matter, together with the names and amount of each
10 kind of weed seed contained therein, and also a guarantee
11 of the germinating power of the seed and the date of the
12 test for germination.'

Sect. 2. Section twelve of said chapter thirty-six is here-
2 by amended, in the first paragraph thereof, namely, the
3 paragraph defining the adulteration of agricultural seed,
4 by adding in the fourth line of said paragraph after the
5 word "plant" the words 'or any kind or amount of weed
6 seed other than the kinds or amounts represented in the
7 statement required by section three of this chapter third.
8 If it, upon test for germination made within six months of
9 the date of test in statement under the provisions of section
10 three herein above, does not show the same germinating
11 power given in said statement prescribed by the provisions
12 of said section three,' so that said third paragraph of said
13 section twelve as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 12. WHEN GOODS SHALL BE DEEMED TO
2 BE ADULTERATED. 1911, c. 119, Sect. 11. For the
3 purpose of this chapter an article shall be deemed to be
4 adulterated:

In case of AGRICULTURAL SEED:

First. If its purity falls below its accompanying guaranty.

Second. If it contains the seed of any poisonous plant,
2 or any kind or amount of weed seed other than the kinds
3 or amounts represented in the statement required by sec-
4 tion three of this chapter.

Third. If it, upon test of germination made within six
2 months of the date of test in statement under the provisions
3 of section three herein above, does not show the same ger-
4 minating power given in said statement prescribed by the
5 provisions of said section three.'