

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 214**

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House of Representatives, March 2, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wing of Auburn.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

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AN ACT Relating to Full Weight and Full Size Canvas Goods  
and to Provide for the Stamping, Branding and Marking of  
the Same, with Penalties.

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

Section 1. Cotton Duck or Canvas—Definition. That for  
2 the purpose of this act, cotton duck or canvas shall be  
3 deemed to include all cotton duck or canvas, whether single  
4 filling, double filling, army, roll or wide duck.

Sect. 2. Same—What Constitutes a Yard.—That for the  
2 purpose of this act the equivalent of thirty-six (36) inches  
3 in length by twenty-nine (29) inches in width or seven and  
4 one-fourth ( $7\frac{1}{4}$ ) square feet of cotton duck or canvas shall

5 constitute a yard and an ounce shall be one-sixteenth part  
6 of a pound, avoirdupois.

Sect. 3. Same—Manufacture and Sale—Stamp, Brand  
2 and Marks.—Any person, company or corporation who  
3 shall manufacture for sale or who may offer or expose for  
4 sale any cotton duck or canvas, or any article other than  
5 clothing and wearing apparel, composed or made in whole  
6 or in part of cotton duck or canvas, shall distinctly and  
7 durably stamp, brand or mark thereon, the true and cor-  
8 rect weight of such cotton duck or canvas, by ounces per  
9 yard, together with a description of the size of the article  
10 manufactured, giving the height, length and breadth, all  
11 three measurements or any two according to the nature of  
12 the article, and description by name of any filler or other  
13 preparation placed in or on said cotton duck or canvas since  
14 its manufacture.

Sect. 4. Same—Certain Sales Unlawful—Misstatement,  
2 Etc.—It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation  
3 either individually or in a representative capacity, to carry  
4 for sale, sell or endeavor to sell any cotton duck or canvas  
5 as herein defined, or any article other than clothing and  
6 wearing apparel, composed or made in whole or in part of  
7 any cotton duck or canvas without having marked thereon  
8 the true and correct weight of said canvas or cotton duck  
9 by ounces per yard, together with a description in feet and  
10 inches of the size of the article, giving the height, length  
11 and breadth of the article, if it has these three dimensions;  
12 if it has less, giving the dimensions it has; in the case of

13 a tent the height of the center pole, height of walls, length  
14 and breadth must be marked thereon, and if the tent be  
15 round in any portion the diameter of this part must be  
16 marked together with the other dimensions set forth herein,  
17 and a description by name of any filler or other preparation  
18 placed in or on said cotton duck or canvas since its manu-  
19 facture, or to misstate, misrepresent or conceal the true  
20 weight of said canvas or cotton duck by ounces per yard,  
21 or to misstate, misrepresent or conceal, the size of the arti-  
22 cle manufactured in any way, or to misstate, misrepresent  
23 or conceal, the existence of any filler or other preparation  
24 placed in or on said cotton duck or canvas since its manu-  
25 facture.

Sect. 5. Same—Unlawful to Deface, Mark, Etc.—It shall  
2 be unlawful for any person to deface, mutilate, obscure,  
3 conceal, efface, cancel or remove any mark provided for by  
4 this act, or cause or permit the same to be done with intent  
5 to mislead, deceive, or to violate any of the provisions of  
6 this act.

Sect. 6. Same—Penalty for Violations.—Any person, com-  
2 pany or corporation violating any of the provisions of this  
3 act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon con-  
4 viction thereof shall for the first offense be punished by a  
5 fine of not less than twenty (20) dollars and for each sub-  
6 sequent offense by fine of not less than one hundred (100)  
7 dollars.

Sect. 7. Same—Duties of Commissioner of Labor, At-  
2 torney General, Etc.—When the commissioner of labor shall

3 have reason or cause to believe that any of the provisions  
4 of this section are being or have been violated, such com-  
5 missioner shall advise the attorney general thereof, giving  
6 the information in support of such belief, and the attorney  
7 general, or, under his direction, the prosecuting attorney of  
8 any county in which the violation occurs, shall forthwith  
9 institute the proper legal proceedings for the enforcement  
10 of the provisions of this section for the punishment of the  
11 violations thereof.