

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 29

House of Representatives, Feb. 1, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Gillespie from Committee on Agriculture, five hundred copies ordered printed and recommitted to Committee on Agriculture.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stevens of Belgrade.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Forty-six of the Revised Statutes,
Relating to the Measurement of Wood, Bark and Shingles.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter forty-six of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-
3 tion and substituting in place thereof the following:

‘Section 1. Cord wood sold or offered or exposed for
2 sale shall be four feet in length, including half the scarf.
3 The term “firewood” shall be construed to mean and in-
4 clude wood cut to any lengths of less than four feet. The
5 standard unit of measure for cord wood or firewood shall

6 be the "cord" of one hundred and twenty-eight cubic feet
7 consisting of or equivalent to a pile, closely stacked, eight
8 feet in length, four feet in width, and four feet in height.'

Sect. 2. Section two of chapter forty-six of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-
3 tion and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 2. Whoever, except as otherwise provided, sells
2 cord wood or firewood, shall cause a certificate or memo-
3 randum to be issued and delivered to the purchaser or his
4 agent at the time of delivery of the wood, or as soon there-
5 after as practicable. Such certificate or memorandum shall
6 include the names and addresses of the seller and of the
7 purchaser, and a statement of the quantity of wood deliv-
8 ered, in terms of cords or of cubic feet. Whoever violates
9 any provision of this or the preceding section shall be pun-
10 ished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.'

Sect. 3. Section sixteen of chapter forty-six of the re-
2 vised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "agree" in the tenth line thereof the following: 'in writing,'
4 and by adding after the word "committed" in the last line
5 thereof the following: 'and whoever violates any of the
6 provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not
7 exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not ex-
8 ceeding thirty days,' so that said section as amended shall
9 read as follows:

'Sect. 16. All shingles shall be split or sawed crosswise
2 the grain; each bundle shall contain two hundred and fifty

3 shingles, and if in square bundles, twenty-five courses, and
4 be twenty-two inches and a half at the lay; and when
5 packed to be surveyed as “number one,” or for exporta-
6 tion, if in any bundle there are five shingles deficient in the
7 proper dimensions, soundness or number, to make two hun-
8 dred and fifty merchantable shingles, or if any shingles are
9 offered for sale, before they are surveyed and measured
10 by a sworn surveyor of some town in the county where
11 they were made, and the quality branded on the hoop or
12 band of the bundle, unless the parties otherwise agree in
13 writing, they are forfeited to the town where the offense
14 is committed, and whoever violates any of the provisions
15 of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding
16 one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding
17 thirty days.’