

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 199

House of Representatives, Feb. 26, 1923.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Whitney of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Regulate the Sale of Vinegar.

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

Section 1. No person shall, within this state, manufacture, sell, distribute, transport, offer or expose for sale, distribution or transportation, any product known as vinegar which is adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of this act.

Sect. 2. DEFINITIONS. The terms "cider vinegar," "apple vinegar" shall be construed to mean the product made exclusively from the expressed juice of clean whole apples, by alcoholic and subsequent acetous fermentations,

5 the acidity, solids and ash of which have been derived ex-
6 clusively from the apples from which it was fermented.

The term "sugar vinegar" shall be construed to mean the
2 product made by the alcoholic and subsequent acetous
3 fermentations of solutions of sugar, syrup, molasses or
4 refiner's syrup.

The term "malt vinegar" shall be construed to mean the
2 product made by the alcoholic and subsequent acetous
3 fermentations of an infusion of barley malt.

The terms "wine vinegar" and "grape vinegar" shall be
2 construed to mean the product made by the alcoholic and
3 subsequent acetous fermentations of the juice of grapes.

The term "glucose vinegar" shall be construed to mean
2 the product made by the alcoholic and subsequent acetous
3 fermentations of solutions of corn sugar or glucose.

The terms "spirit vinegar," "distilled vinegar," "grain
2 vinegar" shall be construed to mean the product made by
3 the acetous fermentations of dilute distilled alcohol.

Sect. 3. For the purpose of this act vinegar shall be
2 deemed to be adulterated:

First: If it contains any drugs, acids, coloring matter
2 or ingredients not derived exclusively from the substances
3 from which they were respectively made.

Second: If it contains less than four grams of acetic acid
2 in one hundred cubic centimeters of the vinegar at seventy
3 degrees Fahrenheit.

Third. If manufactured by the destructive distillation of

2 wood, known as pyroligneous acid, or acetic acid derived
3 from other sources than fruit, grain, vegetables, sugar or
4 syrup.

Fourth: If it is found to contain any preparation of
2 lead, copper, sulphur dioxide, sulphuric acid, other mineral
3 acids or any substitute for vinegar produced other than by
4 alcoholic and subsequent acetous fermentation or other in-
5 gredients injurious to health.

Sect. 4. For the purpose of this act vinegar shall be
2 deemed to be misbranded:

First: If packages containing vinegar made from wine
2 or fruits which have been reduced with water are not
3 plainly marked or branded "Reduced to four per centum
4 acid strength" or "Reduced to forty grains," indicating the
5 acidity to which it has been so reduced.

Second: If a product made from dried apples, or from
2 apple skins, apple cores and chops by the process of grind-
3 ing and soaking with subsequent alcoholic and acetous
4 fermentations of the solution thus obtained is not plainly
5 marked to show the material from which it is produced.

Third: If the package containing said vinegar or its
2 label is not plainly branded with the name of the manu-
3 facturer and his place of business.

Fourth: If every container or receptacle which contains
2 any vinegar other than pure cider or apple vinegar, except
3 delivered to the purchaser in the unbroken package, does
4 not bear plain or conspicuous marks or brands, showing

5 the kind of vinegar so delivered and the substance or
6 substances from which it was made.

Fifth: If mixtures of two or more of the vinegars, above
2 defined, are not plainly and conspicuously branded with the
3 word "compound" together with the proportions of the
4 vinegars so mixed.

Sect. 5. Any person who adulterates or misbrands, with-
2 in the meaning of this act, any vinegar, or any person who
3 manufactures, sells, distributes, transports, offers or ex-
4 poses for sale, distribution or transportation any vinegar
5 in violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be
6 punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for
7 the first offense, and by a fine not exceeding two hundred
8 dollars for each subsequent offense.