

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Promote the Production and Sale of Certified Seed and to Protect the Branding thereof, and Repealing Chapter One Hundred and Forty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.

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

Section 1. The term certified seed as used in this act shall  
2 be deemed to mean such vegetable seeds as shall have been  
3 grown and prepared for sale in accordance with regulations  
4 laid down by the commissioner of agriculture.

Sect. 2. Any grower of potatoes or other vegetable seeds  
2 may make application to the commissioner of agriculture

3 for inspection and certification of this crop growing or to  
4 be grown in this state, giving description of his land and  
5 such information as the commissioner may require. He  
6 shall also enter into an agreement to pay such fee into the  
7 treasury of state for said inspection and certification as the  
8 commissioner shall deem necessary to cover the cost of in-  
9 spection and certification. Thereupon his crops shall be  
10 listed for inspection and inspected and certified by the com-  
11 missioner or his agents under such rules and regulations  
12 as the commissioner may provide.

Sect. 3. In determining the amount of the fee to be paid  
2 by the growers of potatoes or other vegetable seeds for in-  
3 spection and certification under this act, the commissioner  
4 of agriculture may establish an entry charge not to exceed  
5 fifty cents on each acre of potatoes or other vegetable for  
6 which such inspection and certification is requested, but in  
7 the case of potatoes which shall be found to be unfit for  
8 certification, the amount of such entry fee shall not exceed  
9 the actual cost of labor performed by the commissioner or  
10 his agents upon such potatoes, nor shall the charge for labor  
11 so performed upon such potatoes as shall be found unfit  
12 for certification exceed the above named amount of fifty  
13 cents per acre, and in the case of potatoes which shall be  
14 accepted and certified the commissioner shall establish a  
15 fee for field inspection not to exceed two dollars and fifty  
16 cents per acre inclusive of entry charge and also a supple-  
17 mentary charge of five cents for each barrel of potatoes

18 which shall be finally accepted, certified and sold as certified  
19 seed as defined in this act.

Sect. 4. The commissioner of agriculture may issue a cer-  
2 tificate or tag which shall be attached to each container or  
3 package in which certified seed shall be offered or exposed  
4 for sale. Such tag or certificate shall indicate the name of  
5 the grower, the shipping station or depot, the name of the  
6 inspector making the final inspection, the variety of the seed  
7 and shall bear the imprint of the seal of the State of Maine.

Sect. 5. Any person who shall knowingly or wilfully mis-  
2 use any such tag or certificate or who shall attach to any  
3 package or container of seed which has not been duly in-  
4 spected and certified, any imitation of such tag or certifi-  
5 cate for the purpose of conveying the impression that such  
6 seed has been certified by the commissioner or his agents,  
7 shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars for each offense  
8 and by being thenceforth denied the privileges of this act.

Sect. 6. Chapter one hundred and forty-one of the public  
2 laws of nineteen hundred seventeen is hereby repealed.