

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 356

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and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Whitney of Corinth.

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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 Regulate the Sale of Vinegar.

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

Section 1. No person shall, within this state, manufac-  
2 ture, sell, distribute, transport, offer or expose for sale, dis-  
3 tribution or transportation, any product known as vinegar  
4 which is adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of  
5 this act.

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

ity, solids and ash of which have been derived exclusively from the apples from which it was fermented.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second: If it contains less than four grams of acetic acid in one hundred cubic centimeters of the vinegar at seventy 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 lead,  
2 copper, sulphur dioxide, sulphuric acid, other mineral acids  
3 or any substitute for vinegar produced other than by alco-  
4 holic and subsequent acetous fermentation or other ingre-  
5 dients 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 or  
2 fruits which have been reduced with water are not plainly  
3 marked or branded "Reduced to Four Per Centum Acid  
4 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 fer-  
4 mentations 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 label  
2 is not plainly branded with the name of the manufacturer  
3 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 sub-  
6 stances 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 exposes  
4 for sale, distribution or transportation any vinegar in vio-  
5 lation of any of the provisions of this act shall be punished  
6 by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for the first  
7 offense, and by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars  
8 for each subsequent offense.