

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 383

House of Representatives, March 14, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Gillespie from Committee on Agriculture
and ordered printed and recommitted.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. White of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Packing and Grading of Apples.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-seven of chapter thirty-six of
2 the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the fol-
3 lowing paragraphs: 'The minimum size of the fruit in all
4 classes or grades, including the fancy and unclassified, shall
5 be determined by taking the transverse diameter of the
6 smallest fruit in the package at right angles to the stem
7 and blossom end. Minimum sizes shall be stated in varia-
8 tions of one quarter of an inch, like two inches, two and
9 one quarter inches, two and one half inches, two and three

10 quarter inches, three inches, three and one quarter inches,
11 and so on, in accordance with the facts.

Minimum sizes may be designated by figures instead of
2 words. The word "minimum" may be designated by using
3 the abbreviation "min."

So that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 27. Standard Grades Established. 1913, c. 156, 2.
2 The standard grade for apples, when packed in closed
3 packages, shall be as follows: First. Fancy, shall consist
4 of apples of one variety, above the average size and color
5 for the variety, and none smaller than two and one half
6 inches in diameter, sound and free from worm holes,
7 bruises, scab or any other defect that materially injures the
8 appearance or useful quality of the apples, and shall be
9 properly packed in clean, strong packages. Second. Num-
10 ber one, or class one, shall consist of well matured apples
11 of one variety of normal shape and good color for the
12 variety not less than two and one quarter inches in diameter,
13 sound and free from all defect such as worm holes, bruises,
14 scab or any other defect that materially injures the ap-
15 pearance or useful quality of the apple, and shall be prop-
16 erly packed in clean, strong packages. Third. Number
17 two, or class two, shall consist of well matured apples of
18 one variety not less than two inches in diameter, of medium
19 color for the variety and normal shape. Apples two and
20 one quarter inches in diameter must be sound. Apples
21 more than two and one quarter inches in diameter may

22 have one defect such as a worm hole or a bruise if the
23 skin is not broken and shall be properly packed in clean,
24 strong packages. Fourth. Unclassified. Apples not con-
25 forming to the foregoing conditions as to variety, size and
26 other conditions, shall be classed as unclassified.

The minimum size of the fruit in all classes or grades,
2 including the fancy and unclassified, shall be determined by
3 taking the transverse diameter of the smallest fruit in the
4 package at right angles to the stem and blossom end. Min-
5 imum sizes shall be stated in variations of one quarter of
6 an inch like two inches, two and one quarter inches, two
7 and one half inches, two and three quarter inches, three
8 inches, three and one quarter inches, and so on, in accord-
9 ance with the facts.

Minimum sizes may be designated by figures instead of
2 words. The word "minimum" may be designated by using
3 the abbreviation "min."

Sect. 2. Section twenty-eight of chapter thirty-six of
2 the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen is
3 hereby amended in the eighth line thereof after the words
4 "contained therein" by adding the clause 'and the mini-
5 mum size of the fruit in the packages,' and in the last line
6 thereof after the word "designated" by adding the clause
7 'and the word apples must appear in all instances.' So
8 that said section twenty-eight, as amended, shall read as
9 follows:

'Every closed package of apples, which is packed, sold,

2 distributed, transported, offered or exposed for sale, dis-
3 tribution or transportation in the state by any person shall
4 have affixed in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof
5 a plainly printed statement clearly and truly stating the
6 size of the package in terms of standard bushel box or
7 standard barrel, the name and address of the owner or
8 shipper of the apples at the time of packing, the name of
9 the variety, the class or grade of the apples contained
10 therein, and the minimum size of the fruit in the packages,
11 and if the apples were grown in Maine, that fact shall be
12 plainly designated and the word apples must appear in
13 all instances.'