

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 468**

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House of Representatives, March 26, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Gillespie from Committee on Agriculture  
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hamilton of Caribou.

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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 Amend Section Two of Chapter Thirty-four of  
the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Eighty-one of  
the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-one Relating  
to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Section two of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes  
2 as amended by chapter eighty-one of the public laws of  
3 nineteen hundred twenty-one is hereby further amended by  
4 striking out in the twentieth line of said section two, the  
5 words "three thousand dollars annually shall be made," and  
6 substituting therefor the following: 'six thousand dollars  
7 for the year nineteen hundred twenty-four and six thousand

8 dollars for the year nineteen hundred twenty-five is hereby  
9 made and provided,' so that the said section two as amended  
10 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. The commissioner of agriculture shall by per-  
2 sonal observation, investigation and correspondence, ac-  
3 quaint himself with the methods and wants of practical  
4 husbandry, the means of fertilization, and the adaption of  
5 various products to the soils and climate of the state; also  
6 with the progress of scientific and practical agriculture  
7 elsewhere, with a view to the more complete development  
8 of the natural resources of the state; he shall gather statis-  
9 tics of information concerning agriculture and publish the  
10 same annually; he shall assist the farmers of the state, in  
11 so far as is practicable, to secure farm help, and to promote  
12 increased production of farm crops through the selection,  
13 the growing and the dissemination of superior strains of  
14 seeds. He may investigate and furnish statements to ship-  
15 pers and other interested parties as to the quality and  
16 condition of fruits, vegetables, dairy and other perishable  
17 farm products when received within the state for intra-  
18 state or interstate commerce, under such rules and regula-  
19 tions as he may prescribe, including payment of such fees  
20 as will be reasonable and as nearly as may be to cover the  
21 cost for the service rendered. Provided, that statements  
22 so issued by the authorized agents of the department shall  
23 be received in all courts of the state of Maine as prima  
24 facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein con-

25 tained. An appropriation of six thousand dollars for the  
26 year nineteen hundred twenty-four and six thousand dol-  
27 lars for the year nineteen hundred twenty-five is hereby  
28 made and provided, to be expended by the commissioner  
29 of agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the pro-  
30 visions of this section and of section six of this chapter,  
31 and for such other purposes and in such manner as in his  
32 judgment will best promote the interests of agriculture in  
33 this state.'