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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 475

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and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Thirty-four
of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Apportionment of
State Aid to County and Local Agricultural Societies.

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

Section eighteen of chapter thirty-four of the revised stat-
2 utes is hereby amended by adding in the tenth line of said
3 section after the words "for said purposes" the following:
4 'and further provided that no such society shall receive any
5 portion of such stipend unless it shall have regularly en-
6 tered and displayed in an attractive manner upon its ex-
7 hibition grounds not less than one hundred separate and
8 distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits or dairy

9 products of a quality acceptable to the commissioner of ag-
10 riculture or his regularly authorized agent, and that not
11 less than two-thirds of such required number of exhibits
12 shall be of varieties known to be common or standard to
13 the county in which such exhibition is held'; and also add-
14 ing at the end of section eighteen, the following: "The sti-
15 pend may, however, be paid to such agricultural society or
16 societies as may display a lesser number of exhibits of vege-
17 tables, fruits or dairy products than as hereinbefore re-
18 quired, provided the commissioner of agriculture shall cer-
19 tify that in his opinion such society or societies have been
20 unable for good and sufficient reasons to secure such re-
21 quired number of exhibits. So that said section eighteen
22 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 18. There shall be appropriated annually from the
2 state treasury a sum of money not exceeding two cents to
3 each inhabitant of the state, which shall be divided among
4 the legally incorporated agricultural societies of the state
5 not provided for by special enactment, according to the
6 amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full by
7 said societies; provided, that the stipend shall be based en-
8 tirely upon the premiums and gratuities actually paid in
9 full on exhibition stocks and products; provided, further,
10 that no society shall receive from the state a sum greater
11 than that actually raised and paid by the society for said
12 purposes; and further provided that no such society shall
13 receive any portion of such stipend unless it shall have reg-

14 ularly entered and displayed in an attractive manner upon
15 its exhibition grounds not less than one hundred separate
16 and distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits or dairy
17 products of a quality acceptable to the commissioner of
18 agriculture or his regularly authorized agent, and that not
19 less than two-thirds of such required number of exhibits
20 shall be of varieties known to be common or standard to
21 the county in which such exhibition is held; provided, also,
22 that each of the said societies, and all agricultural societies
23 receiving aid from the state by special act of the legisla-
24 ture, shall cause the prohibitory liquor law to be enforced
25 on all grounds over which they have control, and not allow
26 immoral shows, gambling in any form or games of chance
27 on said grounds. The stipend may, however, be paid to
28 such agricultural society or societies as may display a lesser
29 number of exhibits of vegetables, fruits or dairy products
30 than as hereinbefore required, provided the commissioner
31 of agriculture shall certify that in his opinion such society
32 or societies have been unable for good and sufficient rea-
33 sons to secure such required number of exhibits.'