

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 19

In Senate, Jan. 26, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Phillips from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, and ordered printed and recommitted to the Committee.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Putnam of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning the Improvement, Protection or Preservation of Fruit, Shade or Ornamental Trees.

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

Section 1: No person, firm, or corporation shall advertise, solicit, or contract to improve the condition of fruit, shade, forest or ornamental trees, by pruning, trimming, or filling cavities, or to protect such trees from damage by insects or disease, either by spraying or any other method, or shall act as superintendent or foreman in charge of such work for any such person, firm, or corporation, without having secured a license as specified in section two

9 of this act; and any person, firm or corporation failing to
10 comply with the terms of this act shall be fined not more
11 than one hundred dollars for each and every offense; pro-
12 vided any person may improve or protect any tree or trees
13 on his own premises or on the property of his employer
14 without securing such a license.

Sect. 2. The forest commissioner and the commissioner
2 of agriculture shall constitute a board which shall, upon
3 application from any person, firm or corporation, examine
4 the qualifications of the applicant to improve, protect or
5 preserve fruit, shade, ornamental, or forest trees, and if
6 satisfied that the applicant is qualified, may issue a license
7 to practice in the state of Maine, which license shall be
8 valid for one year from the date of its issue, unless sooner
9 revoked as provided in section three of this act, and may
10 be renewed by the board for succeeding years without fur-
11 ther examination, upon payment of the fee hereinafter re-
12 quired, provided that any person, firm or corporation re-
13 ceiving such license shall be responsible for the acts of all
14 employees in the performance of such work.

Sect. 3. Said board shall prepare all necessary forms and
2 prescribe all rules and regulations governing examinations,
3 and any license issued under the provisions of this act may
4 be revoked by it upon proof that improper methods have
5 been used or for other sufficient cause. All fees and fines
6 shall be payable to the treasurer of state. Any expenses
7 incurred by said licensing board in making examinations,

8 issuing licenses, or otherwise enforcing the provisions of
9 this act, shall be paid out of the state treasury after ap-
10 proval by the state auditor upon a requisition signed by
11 the chairman of said board, provided that the amounts so
12 paid shall in no case exceed the total amount received for
13 the current year as fees or fines.