

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1226

H. D. No. 442

House of Representatives, March 23, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Robie from Committee on Agriculture and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Change the Grades of the Apple Packing Law.

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

That chapter thirty-six of the revised statutes of nineteen
2 hundred and sixteen, as amended by chapter ninety-four of
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is
4 hereby amended by striking out all of section twenty-seven
5 and inserting in its place the following, so that said section
6 shall read as follows:

‘The standard grade for apples, when packed in closed
2 packages, shall be as follows:

‘First: MAINE STANDARD FANCY shall consist of
2 well matured apples of one variety, of normal shape and
3 above the average size and color for the variety, sound and

4 free from worm holes, bruises, scab, or other defect that
5 materially injures the appearance or useful quality of the
6 apple and shall be properly packed in clean, strong pack-
7 ages.

‘Second: MAINE STANDARD A, shall consist of well
2 matured apples of one variety of normal shape and good
3 color for the variety, sound and free from all defects such
4 as worm holes, bruises, scab or other defect that materially
5 injures the appearance or useful quality of the apple, and
6 shall be properly packed in clean, strong packages.

‘Third: MAINE STANDARD B, shall consist of well
2 matured apples of one variety, sound, and normal shape,
3 and shall be properly packed in clean, strong packages.

‘Fourth: MAINE ORCHARD RUN, shall consist of well
2 matured apples of one variety of the Maine Standard Fancy,
3 Maine Standard A and Maine Standard B grades, and shall
4 be properly packed in clean, strong packages.

‘Fifth: UNCLASSIFIED. Apples not conforming to
2 the foregoing conditions as to variety, size and other con-
3 ditions, shall be classed as Unclassified.

‘Sixth: The minimum size of the fruit in all classes or
2 grades shall be determined by taking the transverse di-
3 ameter of the smallest fruit in the package at right angles
4 to the stem and blossom end. Minimum sizes shall be stated
5 in variations of one-quarter of an inch like two inches, two
6 and one-quarter inches, two and one-half inches, two and

7 three-quarters inches, three inches, three and one-quarter
8 inches and so on, in accordance with the fact.

'Seventh: Minimum sizes may be designated by figures
2 instead of words. The word "minimum" may be desig-
3 nated by using the abbreviation "min."'

'Eighth: No shipment, consignment or lot of apples in
2 closed packages shall be condemned without examination
3 of at least five per cent of the packages in such shipment,
4 consignment or lot. Any shipment, consignment or lot in
5 which five per cent of the packages are found to contain
6 fruit below the grade marked on the container may be con-
7 demned by the commissioner of agriculture or his author-
8 ized deputies. No closed package of apples shall be con-
9 sidered below grade unless five per cent of the fruit con-
10 tained therein is below the grade marked on the outside of
11 the container.'