

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 114

H. P. 438

House of Representatives, Feb. 10, 1927.

On motion of Mr. Wing of Auburn, tabled pending reference to a committee and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Authorizing the Sale of Edible Meat Carcasses or
Any Edible Meat Product in Any Part of the State When
Properly Inspected and Marked.

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

Section 1. Any person shall have the right to sell any-
2 where in the State of Maine any edible carcass, or part of
3 any edible carcass, of cattle, sheep, goats or swine or any
4 edible product composed wholly or in part of the meat of
5 such food animals, when the slaughtering of such animals
6 and the handling, storage, transportation, manufacture or
7 preparation of such carcass, part of such carcass, or edible
8 product derived therefrom, shall have been done at an es-
9 tablishment or place approved by and operated under the

10 supervision of an inspector of the Division of Meat Inspec-
11 tion of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States
12 Department of Agriculture, or by an inspector appointed
13 by the State Board of Health or by any local health board,
14 for the purpose of making such an inspection, provided that
15 said carcass, meat or meat product is properly stamped or
16 marked under the direction of one of said inspectors.

Sect. 2. Said inspector shall be a veterinary graduate of
2 a recognized college authorized to confer the degree of D.
3 V. S. The State Board of Health or the local Board of
4 Health may appoint such lay inspectors to act as assistants
5 to said inspector as they may deem necessary, said lay in-
6 spectors to act under the direction of said inspector.

Sect. 3. Such inspectors shall be guided and governed by
2 the regulations governing the Meat Inspection of the United
3 States Department of Agriculture effective November 1,
4 1914, and all amendments thereto.

Sect. 4. The state board of health and local board of
2 health may establish such a schedule of fees for inspection
3 as they deem necessary and adequate to meet the expense
4 thereof, and any person or corporation found guilty of pay-
5 ing to said inspector a greater fee or of giving to said in-
6 spector any gratuity shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
7 be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to
8 imprisonment not more than six months, or to be punished
9 by both fine and imprisonment. Any municipal court shall
10 have jurisdiction of this offense.

Sect. 5. Any act or part of act inconsistent herewith is
2 hereby repealed. Any by-law or by-laws passed by any
3 local boards of health inconsistent herewith are hereby de-
4 clared to be null and void, and no local board of health shall
5 have the right to pass any by-law inconsistent herewith.

Sec. 6. Nothing under this act shall be construed to limit
2 the right now given by law to sell meat carcasses or meat
3 products in certain localities without inspection.