

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**House Document**

**No. 148**

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H. P. 499            House of Representatives, Feb. 15, 1927.

On motion of Mr. Robie of Westbrook, was taken from the table, and on further motion by same gentleman, was referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Robie of Gorham.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Define "Storage Eggs" and "Processed Eggs" and to Regulate Certain Details of the Sale and Distribution of the Same.

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

Section 1. The term "storage eggs" as used in this act  
2 shall be held to mean any eggs that for a period of thirty  
3 days or over have been held in storage at a temperature of  
4 forty-five degrees Fahrenheit, or less.

The term "processed eggs" shall be held to mean any eggs  
2 which in a way other than storage, have been so treated  
3 as to keep them from natural deterioration.

Sect. 2. Any person, firm or corporation who exposes or  
2 offers for sale, either in any public place or elsewhere, any  
3 eggs which have been in storage or which in any way have  
4 been processed, shall conspicuously display upon the recep-  
5 tacle in which such eggs are offered for sale, or upon the  
6 package in which they are delivered to the purchaser, a no-  
7 tice containing the words "cold storage eggs" or "processed  
8 eggs," in accordance with the fact; and in case any eggs  
9 which have been in storage or which have been processed  
10 are exposed for sale or offered for sale, in a manner which  
11 does not require a receptacle or package, the purchaser shall  
12 be informed definitely that such eggs are either cold storage  
13 or processed eggs, to the end that the purchaser may have  
14 knowledge of the facts with reference to the storage or pro-  
15 cessing of such eggs.

Sect. 3. No person, firm, or corporation, selling or expos-  
2 ing for sale any eggs which have been in storage or in any  
3 way processed, shall use the word "fresh" in any combina-  
4 tion of words to describe the character or value of such  
5 eggs.

Sect. 4. Whenever any person, firm or corporation within  
2 the state of Maine, ships or delivers to a purchaser within  
3 the state of Maine, any eggs which have been in storage or  
4 processed, such person, firm or corporation shall deliver  
5 to the purchaser an invoice or bill showing thereon the char-  
6 acter of such eggs.

Sect. 5. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any  
2 provision of this act shall, upon conviction, be liable to a  
3 fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50), or imprisonment  
4 of not more than sixty days, or both, and jurisdiction upon  
5 the several municipal courts of the state for trial and pun-  
6 ishment of offenses under this act is hereby expressly con-  
7 firmed, and the commissioner of agriculture is expressly em-  
8 powered to enforce the provisions of the act and to be vig-  
9 ilant in discovering violations hereof, and making complaint  
10 to the proper authorities.