

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 319

H. P. 994 House of Representatives, March 4, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ellis of Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Registration of Milk Dealers.

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

Section five of chapter thirty-seven of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter sixty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen and chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out wherever it may occur in said section, the word "April" and substituting in place thereof, the word 'January,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. Registration of milk dealers; penalty for refusing to register or post certificate. Any person, firm, corporation, association or society who shall sell or deliver

4 milk or cream as a business to any person from a wagon
5 or other conveyance, depot or store, or who shall sell or
6 deliver milk to a hotel, restaurant, boarding-house or any
7 public place, shall be considered a milk dealer within the
8 meaning of this section, and shall on or before the first day
9 of January in each year, apply to the commissioner of ag-
10 riculture for registration, furnishing such information as
11 may be required, upon blanks issued and furnished by the
12 commissioner to such persons as may request the same.
13 Every such registration shall expire on the first day of
14 January, next after its issue and shall be granted only to
15 the milk dealer owning or leasing the vehicle or place from
16 which sales and supplies are to be made and shall not be
17 transferred. Upon receipt of the application for registra-
18 tion, containing the information required, and upon being
19 satisfied that all milk is being produced and handled in a
20 sanitary way and is from cows free from disease, the com-
21 missioner shall issue to the applicant a certificate of regis-
22 tration, which certificate shall be posted in a conspicuous
23 place in the store or depot from which sale or supply is
24 made, and the number of the certificate of registration for
25 each wagon or other vehicle shall be placed in a conspicu-
26 ous place on said wagon or other vehicle. The commissioner
27 may cancel the certificate of any dealer, who, after due
28 hearing on complaint by the commissioner or his author-
29 ized agent, is found to be selling milk produced or handled
30 under unsanitary conditions or milk from diseased cows.

31 If any person, firm, corporation, association or society de-
32 sires to become a milk dealer, as provided by this section,
33 before the first day of January in any year, he or they shall,
34 prior to engaging in the business, register with the com-
35 missioner of agriculture in the manner hereinbefore pro-
36 vided, for each place or vehicle from which sale or supply
37 is to be made.

Any dealer who neglects or refuses to register with the
2 commissioner of agriculture, or to post certificates of reg-
3 istration in the store or depot from which sale or supply is
4 made, or to post the number of the certificate of registra-
5 tion on the wagon or other vehicle from which sale or sup-
6 ply is made, as provided in this section, or to surrender his
7 certificate to the commissioner when notified in writing that
8 the same has been cancelled, and the reason given for can-
9 cellation, forfeits fifty dollars to be recovered in an action
10 of debt, to be prosecuted in the name of the state by the
11 county attorney for the county in which such violation has
12 occurred; but the provisions of this section shall not apply
13 to milk or cream delivered to a creamery or butter or cheese
14 factory.'