

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 360

H. P. 1054 House of Representatives, Mar. 9, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Robie of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Grading of Apples.

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

Chapter one hundred and seven of the public laws of nine-
2 teen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby amended by striking
3 out in the seventh line of the final paragraph thereof, be-
4 tween the words "unless" and "per cent" the word "five"
5 and substituting in place thereof, the word 'ten,' so that said
6 chapter one hundred and seven, as amended, shall read as
7 follows:

'R. S., c. 36, sec. 27; P. L., 1923, c. 94; relating to estab-
2 lishing standard grades for apples, amended. Chapter thir-
3 ty-six of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter ninety-
4 four of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-

5 three, is hereby amended by striking out all of section
6 twenty-seven and inserting in its place the following, so that
7 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'New grades established; five per cent to be examined before
2 condemnation. The standard grade for apples, when packed
3 in closed packages, shall be as follows:

'First: Maine Standard Fancy, shall consist of well-
2 matured apples of one variety, of normal shape and above
3 the average size and color for the variety, sound and free
4 from worm holes, bruises, scab, or other defect that mate-
5 rially injures the appearance or useful quality of the apple
6 and shall be properly packed in clean, strong packages.

'Second: Maine Standard A, shall consist of well-ma-
2 tured apples of one variety of normal shape and good color
3 for the variety, sound and free from all defects such as
4 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-matured
2 apples of one variety, sound, and normal shape, and shall
3 be properly packed in clean, strong packages.

'Fourth: Maine Orchard Run, shall consist of well-ma-
2 tured 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 the fore-

2 going conditions as to variety, size and other conditions,
3 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 diam-
3 eter of the smallest fruit in the package at right angles to
4 the stem and blossom end. Minimum sizes shall be stated
5 in variations of one-quarter of an inch like two inches,
6 two and one-quarter inches, two and one-half inches, two
7 and three-quarters inches, three inches, three and one-
8 quarter inches and so on, in accordance with the fact.

‘Seventh: Minimum sizes may be designated by figures in-
2 stead of words. The word “minimum” may be designated
3 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 authorized
8 deputies. No closed package of apples shall be considered
9 below grade unless ten per cent of the fruit contained there-
10 in is below the grade marked on the outside of the container.’