

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**House Document**

**No. 392**

H. P. 1099      House of Representatives, March 10, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McIntire of Norway.

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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 and Regulate the Sale of Oleomargarine.

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

Section six of chapter one hundred and thirty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following:

‘Nor shall any person, firm or corporation sell, expose for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell oleomargarine unless the original package in which same is shipped or conveyed from place of manufacture shall have the word “oleomargarine” in letters three-quarters inch high and of proportionate width plainly printed or stencilled on the top or side thereof and unless each carton or wrapper containing said oleomargarine and in which such oleomargarine is sold or kept for sale shall have the word “oleomargarine”

10 printed on two principal display panels in plain Gothic let-  
11 ters not less than twenty point type. When said oleomar-  
12 garine is sold from a tub or box or other container in which  
13 it is kept for sale in bulk, said oleomargarine must be  
14 wrapped in wrappers plainly stamped or printed on the  
15 outside thereof with the word "oleomargarine" in plain  
16 Gothic letters not less than twenty point size, and shall also  
17 contain the name and address of the seller thereof and the  
18 quantity sold. For the purpose of this act, any article,  
19 substance or compound manufactured from animal fats or  
20 oils, vegetable oils, or from compounds or mixtures of ani-  
21 mal fats or oils and vegetable oils which has been churned  
22 in cream, milk or water or bathed in a solution of brine,  
23 shall be considered oleomargarine. Nor shall any person,  
24 firm or corporation within this state use in any way in  
25 connection or association with the sale, or exposure for sale  
26 or advertisement of any oleomargarine or any substance  
27 designed to be used as a substitute for butter, the word  
28 "butter," "creamery," or "dairy," or the name or repre-  
29 sentation of any breed of dairy cattle, or any combination  
30 of such word or words and representation, or any other  
31 words or symbols or combinations thereof commonly used  
32 in the sale of butter,' so that said section six as amended  
33 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 6. *Imitations of butter or cheese not to be manu-  
2 factured or sold.* No person shall manufacture, sell, ex-  
3 pose for sale or have in his possession with intent to sell,

4 or take orders for the future delivery of any article, sub-  
5 stance or compound made in imitation of yellow butter or  
6 cheese, and not made exclusively and wholly of cream or  
7 milk, or containing any fats, oil or grease not produced  
8 from milk or cream, whether said articles, substance or  
9 compound be named oleomargarine, butterine, or otherwise  
10 named. Nor shall any person, firm or corporation sell, ex-  
11 pose for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell  
12 oleomargarine unless the original package in which same  
13 is shipped or conveyed from place of manufacture shall  
14 have the word "oleomargarine" in letters three-quarters  
15 inch high and of proportionate width plainly printed or  
16 stencilled on the top or side thereof and unless each car-  
17 ton or wrapper containing said oleomargarine and in which  
18 such oleomargarine is sold or kept for sale shall have the  
19 word "oleomargarine" printed on two principal display  
20 panels in plain Gothic letters not less than twenty point  
21 type. When said oleomargarine is sold from a tub or box  
22 or other container in which it is kept for sale in bulk, said  
23 oleomargarine must be wrapped in wrappers plainly stamped  
24 or printed on the outside thereof with the word "oleomar-  
25 garine" in plain Gothic letters not less than twenty point  
26 size, and shall also contain the name and address of the  
27 seller thereof and the quantity sold. For the purpose of  
28 this act, any article, substance or compound manufactured  
29 from animal fats or oils, vegetable oils, or from compounds  
30 or mixtures of animal fats or oils and vegetable oils which

31 has been churned in cream, milk or water or bathed in a  
32 solution of brine, shall be considered oleomargarine. Nor  
33 shall any person, firm or corporation within this state use  
34 in any way in connection or association with the sale, or  
35 exposure for sale or advertisement of any oleomargarine  
36 or any substance designed to be used as a substitute for but-  
37 ter, the word "butter," "creamery," "dairy," or the name  
38 or representation of any breed of dairy cattle, or any com-  
39 bination of such word or words and representation, or any  
40 other words or symbols or combinations thereof commonly  
41 used in the sale of butter.'