

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 80

S. P. 186

In Senate, Feb. 15, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Oakes of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Regulate the Sale of Cider.

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

Section 1. *Sale of new cider declared lawful.* The sale of
2 new cider which shall not have so far advanced in the
3 natural process of fermentation as to contain more than
4 one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume, is hereby de-
5 clared to be lawful.

Sect. 2. *Sale of cider regulated.* The sale of cider which
2 shall contain more than one-half of one percent of alcohol
3 by volume is hereby declared to be unlawful, except that it
4 may be sold to manufacturers of vinegar to be used in the
5 manufacture of vinegar and for no other purpose. Manu-
6 facturers of vinegar shall make use of cider purchased by

7 them as authorized by this section in the manufacture of
8 vinegar, and for no other purpose, and shall keep a record
9 of all such purchases of cider, which shall be retained by
10 them and which shall be open at all reasonable times to the
11 inspection of any officer charged with the duty of the en-
12 forcement of law, for a period of three years from the date
13 of such purchase, and which shall show as to each purchase,
14 its date, the quality purchased, the price at which purchased,
15 and the name and address of the seller.

Sect. 3. *Penalty for violation.* Whoever is convicted of
2 violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be pun-
3 ished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than
4 five hundred dollars and costs and in addition thereto be
5 imprisoned for not less than two nor more than six months,
6 and in default of payment of said fine and costs he shall
7 be imprisoned not less than two nor more than six months
8 additional, and on each subsequent conviction he shall be
9 punished by a fine of five hundred dollars and costs, and
10 in addition thereto be imprisoned six months, and in de-
11 fault of payment of said fine and costs he shall be impris-
12 oned six months additional, provided that in case of viola-
13 tion of the provisions relating to the making and keeping
14 of record of purchases, punishment by imprisonment shall
15 be in the discretion of the court.

Sect. 4. *Inconsistent act repealed.* All acts and parts of
2 acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby
3 repealed.