

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, Mar. 15, 1927.

Reported by Senator Bragdon from Committee on Agriculture and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Buzzell of Oxford.

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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 Amend Section Eighteen of Chapter Thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Apportionment of State Aid to Agricultural Societies.

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

Section 1. Section eighteen of chapter thirty-four of the 2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said 3 section and substituting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 18. *Aid to Agricultural Societies; Apportionment.*  
2 There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury  
3 a sum of money not to exceed three and one-half cents  
4 per inhabitant of the state, which shall be known as the  
5 state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural so-

6 cieties and hereafter in this act designated as the stipend.  
7 This stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated  
8 agricultural clubs, societies and fair associations of the state,  
9 hereafter in this act designated as societies, according to  
10 the following schedule and method. Two thousand dollars  
11 shall be paid annually to the Maine Pomological Society  
12 and the balance of said stipend shall be divided pro rata  
13 among the legally incorporated societies, not heretofore pro-  
14 vided for according to the amount of premiums and gratui-  
15 ties actually paid in full and in cash or valuable equivalent  
16 by said societies upon livestock and agricultural and domes-  
17 tic products but no such society whether specifically men-  
18 tioned in this act or otherwise shall be entitled to any share  
19 of the stipend unless it shall have complied with the follow-  
20 ing requirements, which shall be considered by the com-  
21 missioner of agriculture hereinafter known as the com-  
22 missioner, as the basis upon which his apportionment of  
23 the stipend shall be made as provided in section seven of  
24 this chapter. Each society claiming a share of the state  
25 stipend under this act shall file with the commissioner not  
26 later than December thirty-first of the year for which said  
27 stipend is requested, a statement made under oath, by its  
28 treasurer setting forth the financial condition and trans-  
29 actions of the society, the amounts paid in premiums in the  
30 several classes or displays herein provided for and such  
31 additional information relative to the character of displays  
32 and the conduct of exhibitions as the commissioner may

33 request and upon blanks to be furnished by him. No prem-  
34 iums or gratuities shall be considered by the said commis-  
35 sioner in apportioning the amount of stipend to which any  
36 society is entitled except those offered and paid upon live-  
37 stock, poultry, vegetables, grain, fruit, flowers, livestock  
38 products, home canned foods, grange exhibits, farm exhibits,  
39 Boys' and Girls' Club exhibits, domestic and fancy articles  
40 produced in the farm home, and pulling contests by horses  
41 and oxen, and in no case shall the amount allowed on ac-  
42 count of premiums paid in said class of domestic and fancy  
43 articles exceed the total amount allowed as premiums upon  
44 vegetables, grain, fruits and flowers. No society, the Maine  
45 Pomological Society excepted, shall receive from the state  
46 a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the so-  
47 ciety as premiums and gratuities in the classes, herein pro-  
48 vided, and in no case shall any society be entitled to any  
49 share of the stipend unless it shall have raised and paid in  
50 premiums in the classes heretofore set forth at least four  
51 hundred dollars. No society shall receive any portion of the  
52 stipend in excess of twenty-five hundred dollars. No society  
53 shall receive any portion of such stipend unless it shall have  
54 regularly entered and displayed in an attractive manner upon  
55 its exhibition grounds not less than one hundred separate  
56 and distinct exhibits or entries of vegetables, fruits or dairy  
57 products of a quality acceptable to the commissioner or his  
58 regularly authorized agent and of varieties known to be  
59 common or standard to the county in which such exhibition

60 is held. The stipend may, however, be paid to such agri-  
61 cultural society or societies as may display a lesser number  
62 of exhibits of vegetables, fruits, or dairy products, than as  
63 hereinbefore required, provided the commissioner shall cer-  
64 tify that in his opinion such society or societies have been  
65 unable for good and sufficient reasons to secure such re-  
66 quired number of exhibits. No society shall be entitled to  
67 any share of the stipend unless it shall require all cattle ex-  
68 hibited or allowed upon its grounds at exhibition time to be  
69 tuberculin tested within one year previous to the date of its  
70 exhibition and declared free from tuberculosis by a veteri-  
71 narian approved by the commissioner. Each and all societies  
72 receiving aid from the state under this act shall cause the  
73 prohibitory liquor law to be enforced on all grounds over  
74 which they have control and not allow immoral shows, gamb-  
75 ling in any form or games of chance on said grounds. Neg-  
76 lect or failure on the part of any society to observe any of  
77 the foregoing requirements shall be deemed sufficient cause  
78 for withholding such society's share of the stipend and the  
79 commissioner is required and directed to authorize payment  
80 of stipend only to such societies as have observed all of the  
81 said requirements.'

Sect. 2. Chapter two hundred and five, resolves of nine-  
2 teen hundred and eleven, chapter one hundred and seventy-  
3 one, resolves of nineteen hundred and thirteen, chapter  
4 ninety, resolves of nineteen hundred and twenty, and all  
5 other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby  
6 repealed.