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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Sections Twenty and Twenty-two of
Chapter Thirty-seven, Revised Statutes, Relating to the Ca-
pacity of Milk Bottles and Jars.

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

Section 1. Section twenty of chapter thirty-seven of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of
3 said section and substituting therefor the following:

'Sect. 20. Glass bottles and jars used for the sale of milk
2 or cream shall be of the capacity of one quart or one pint
3 or one-half pint and shall be sealed as full measure under
4 the provisions of section thirteen of chapter forty-eight or
5 by the manufacturer, as provided in section twenty-one of
6 this chapter. The following tolerances will be allowed:

7 Four drams of excess and two drams of deficiency in the
8 quart bottle, three drams of excess and one and one-half
9 drams of deficiency in the pint, and two drams of excess
10 and one dram of deficiency in the one-half pint. The use,
11 for the distribution of milk or cream to the consumer, of
12 glass bottles or jars of any other capacity than as herein
13 provided which may deceive or are intended to deceive the
14 purchaser or consumer is hereby prohibited and declared
15 to be illegal. All dealers in milk or cream who use, for
16 the distribution of milk or cream to consumers, glass bot-
17 tles or jars which have not been sealed by the manufactur-
18 er, shall bring such bottles or jars to the office of their city
19 or town sealer to be sealed as aforesaid. If a bottle or jar
20 has once been sealed by a sealer of weights and measures,
21 or by the manufacturer, it shall not in any case be neces-
22 sary to have it sealed again at any time while it is used for
23 the distribution of milk or cream to consumers. Glass bot-
24 tles or jars sealed under the provisions of this section shall
25 not be legal measures except for the distribution of milk
26 or cream.'

Sect. 2. Section twenty-two of said chapter thirty-seven
2 is hereby amended by striking out in the eighth line there-
3 of, the word "this" and by inserting after the word "section"
4 the words 'twenty, of this chapter,' and also by adding at
5 the end of said section the words 'and punished by a fine
6 not to exceed fifty dollars for each offense,' so that said
7 section as amended shall read as follows:

1 'Sect. 22. Penalty for violation. Any manufacturer who
2 sells milk or cream bottles to be used in this state that do
3 not comply as to size and markings with the provisions of
4 the two preceding sections, shall forfeit five hundred dol-
5 lars, to be recovered by the attorney-general in an action
6 upon the bond of such manufacturer. Any dealer who
7 uses for the purpose of selling milk or cream jars or bot-
8 tles purchased after the third day of July, nineteen hun-
9 dred and twenty-seven, that do not comply with the re-
10 quirements of section twenty of this chapter as to markings
11 and capacity shall be deemed guilty of using false or in-
12 sufficient measures and punished by a fine not to exceed
13 fifty dollars for each offense.'

1 Sect. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed.