

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Senate Document

No. 202

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S. P. 495

In Senate, February 20, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Revision of Statutes and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Oakes of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Two of Chapter Thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Eighty-one of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-one, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred One of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-three, Relative to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Section two of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes,  
2 as amended by chapter eighty-one of the public laws of  
3 nineteen hundred twenty-one, as amended by chapter two  
4 hundred one of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-  
5 three, is hereby further amended by striking out the whole

6 of said section and by substituting in place thereof the fol-  
7 lowing:

‘Sect. 2. *Duties.* The commissioner of agriculture is the  
2 chief executive charged with the enforcement of chapters  
3 thirty-four to thirty-eight inclusive, and shall be vigilant  
4 in discovering violations thereof and making complaint to  
5 the proper authorities. He shall by personal observation,  
6 investigation and correspondence, acquaint himself with the  
7 methods and wants of practical husbandry, the means of  
8 fertilization, and the adaption of various products to the  
9 soils and climate of the state; also, with the progress of  
10 scientific and practical agriculture elsewhere, with a view  
11 to the more complete development of the natural resources  
12 of the state. He shall gather statistics of information con-  
13 cerning agriculture and publish the same annually; he shall  
14 assist the farmers of the state, in so far as is practicable,  
15 to secure farm help and to promote increased production  
16 of farm crops through the selection, the growing and the  
17 dissemination of superior strains of seeds. He shall make  
18 and preserve a full record of all rules and regulations pro-  
19 mulgated under the provisions of this chapter, and all pay-  
20 ments and expenses incurred hereunder, and all other trans-  
21 actions performed by him in the discharge of his duties, as  
22 herein provided. He may investigate and furnish state-  
23 ments to shippers and other interested parties as to the  
24 quality and condition of fruits, vegetables, dairy and other  
25 perishable farm products when received within the state for

26 intrastate or interstate commerce, under such rules and reg-  
27 ulations as he may prescribe, including payment of such  
28 fees as will be reasonable and as nearly as may be to cover  
29 the cost for the service rendered. Statements so issued by  
30 the authorized agents of the department shall be received in  
31 all courts of the State of Maine as prima facie evidence of  
32 the truth of the statements therein contained. He may em-  
33 ploy such agents and assistants and make such purchases  
34 as may be necessary in the proper performance of his du-  
35 ties.'