

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Senate Document

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In Senate, Feb. 28, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Bond of Lincoln.

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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 Provide for Inspection of Gasoline.

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

Section 1. No person shall within this state sell, distribute,  
2 transport, offer or expose for sale, distribution or trans-  
3 portation any internal combustion engine fuel which is adul-  
4 terated or misbranded within the meaning of this act.

Sect. 2. For the purposes of this act, the term "internal  
2 combustion engine fuel" shall mean motor fuel, commonly  
3 called and known as gasoline, benzoin, or other product,  
4 except kerosene and crude oil, to be used in the operation  
5 of an internal combustion engine. The term "misbranded"  
6 shall apply to all internal combustion engine fuel, the pack-

7 age, label, pump, tank or container of which shall bear any  
8 statement, design, or device regarding such article or the  
9 ingredient or substance contained therein which shall be  
10 false or misleading in any particular or which is falsely  
11 branded in any particular. Any such internal combustion  
12 engine fuel shall be held to be adulterated if it fails to  
13 conform to the following inspection, tests and conditions:  
14 (1) it shall not contain more than a trace of any sulphur  
15 compound; (2) it shall not contain water nor tar-like mat-  
16 ter; (3) it shall not contain more than four per cent by  
17 weight of residue after being distilled at a temperature of  
18 more than five hundred seventy degrees Fahrenheit; (4)  
19 the gravity shall be not less than fifty-eight degrees when  
20 measured by Baume hydrometer at a temperature of sixty  
21 degrees Fahrenheit, or some other approved instrument or  
22 means equally as accurate.

Sect. 4. The director of the Maine Agricultural Experi-  
2 ment Station shall analyze or cause to be analyzed such  
3 samples of internal combustion engine fuel at such time  
4 and to such extent as the state auditor may determine. It  
5 shall be the duty of the state auditor in person or by deputy  
6 to enforce the provisions of this act and for that purpose  
7 the state auditor in person or by deputy shall have full  
8 access, ingress and egress at all reasonable hours to any  
9 place or building wherein internal combustion engine fuel  
10 is stored, transported, sold, offered or exposed for sale.  
11 He may also in person or by deputy open any case, package

12 or other container, tank, pump, tank car, storage tank, and  
13 enter upon any barge, vessel or other vehicle of transporta-  
14 tion and may upon tendering the market price take samples  
15 for analysis. The expense of such analysis and of the ad-  
16 ministration of this act shall be included in the expense of  
17 the administration of the tax on gasoline provided for by  
18 chapter two hundred twenty-four of the public laws of nine-  
19 teen hundred and twenty-three, as amended, and shall be  
20 deducted from the proceeds of said tax under section eight  
21 of said chapter.

Sect. 5. Any person who adulterates or misbrands within  
2 the meaning of this act, internal combustion engine fuel, or  
3 any person who sells, distributes, transports, offers or ex-  
4 poses for sale, distribution or transportation any internal  
5 combustion engine fuel in violation of any provision of this  
6 act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred  
7 dollars for the first offense and by a fine not exceeding two  
8 hundred dollars for each succeeding offense.