

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 421

H. P. 940

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 1,000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wallingford of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Packing and Grading of Apples.

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

Section 1. Section forty-two of chapter forty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the entire section forty-two and by inserting in place thereof the following section:

'Sec. 42. The standard grade for apples, when packed in closed packages, shall be in accord with the standards promulgated by the secretary of agriculture of the United States, as now in effect or as may from time to time be established. Any person packing and shipping apples in closed packages may employ and adopt the standard for packing and the brand markings, as required, in accord with the regulations promulgated by the secretary of agriculture of the United States, known as the United States standards for packing and grading apples. Provided, however, that any person may pack, sell, distribute, transport, offer or expose for sale, distribution or transportation, apples, graded or ungraded, in closed packages, if marked and branded in conformity with the requirements of section forty-three of this chapter, and, if such closed packages of apples do not bear any marks, designs, letters, figures, legends, or words, or are branded in any way that will imitate, or substitute for the branding or represent

them to be marked according to the United States standards.'

Sec. 2. Section forty-three of chapter forty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of section forty-three and by inserting in place thereof the following section:

'Sec. 43. Every closed package of apples, which is packed, sold, distributed, transported, offered or exposed for sale, distribution or transportation, in the state, by any person, shall have affixed in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof, a plainly printed statement clearly and truly stating the size of the package, in terms of standard bushel box or standard barrel, the name and address of the person controlling the packing and grading of the apples in said packages, at the time of packing the name of the variety, and if the apples were grown in Maine, that fact shall be designated.

'Also thereon shall be placed the brands and marks required by the United States standards, if such packing and grading has been adopted by the person controlling the pack. Otherwise, any form of branding or marking may be used that may indicate grade or quality by the use of letters, figures, or words; provided the same does not falsely represent the fruit contained therein.'