

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 443

H. P. 939

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1931.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Control the Sale of Wood Alcohol, Methanol, and
Methyl Alcohol.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, barter, give away, deal in, deliver or supply, or possess with intent to sell, offer for sale, barter, give away, deal in, deliver or supply any article of food or drink or medicinal or toilet preparation intended for human use internally or externally, or any compound, mixture, or preparation for use as an anti-freeze agent for automobiles or motor vehicle radiators which contains any wood alcohol, methanol or methyl alcohol.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, barter, give away, deal in or supply, or possess with intent to sell, offer for sale, barter, give away, deal in, or supply, for any other purpose, wood alcohol, methanol or methyl alcohol, except under such licenses, rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the commissioner of agriculture, and unless the container in which the same is sold, offered for sale, bartered, given away, dealt in, delivered or supplied, shall bear a label containing the following device and words conspicuously printed or stenciled thereon in letters of block type, not less than one-half inch in height, in red color on white, as follows:

(SYMBOL OF)
SKULL AND
CROSSBONES

DEADLY POISON WOOD ALCOHOL

and in letters not less than one-eighth inch in height

WARNING: Wood alcohol (methanol or methyl alcohol) is extremely poisonous and may cause blindness or death if it enters the body through the mouth, by skin absorption, or by inhalation of vapors.

Sec. 3. The terms "wood alcohol," "methanol" or "methyl alcohol" as herein used shall mean and include methyl alcohol, methanol, wood spirit, wood naphtha, methyl hydrate, Columbian spirits, acetone alcohol, colonial spirits, standard wood spirits or greenwood spirits, whether derived from the destructive distillation of wood, sythesis of gases or other processes, irrespective of the name or trade-mark under or by which such product shall be called or known.

The commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to prescribe such rules and regulations and issue such licenses as may from time to time be necessary, advisable or proper to enforce this act.

The violation or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall be a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.