

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 134

S. P. 97

In Senate, Jan. 31, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Robie of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Transportation of Poultry.

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

Poultry transportation regulated. Chapter 39 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after section 10 thereof the following 3 sections to be numbered 10-A, 10-B and 10-C.

‘Sec. 10-A. Buyers and sellers of poultry to be licensed. Any person, firm or corporation, engaged in the business of buying or selling poultry, the meat or product of which is to be sold or used for food, shall annually apply for a license to the commissioner of agriculture, or his duly authorized agent, upon a form to be prescribed by the commissioner; and said commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, may make suitable rules and regulations governing such licenses. The fee for such licenses shall be fixed by the commissioner but shall not exceed the sum of \$2.00, and such licenses shall be issued for the period of 1 year and may be revoked for cause. If, in the judgment of the commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, any provision of this section, or any rule and regulation made thereunder, appears to have been violated by any licensee, the commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, shall send a notice by registered mail to the licensee giving reasonable notice of a hearing to be held at such time and place as the commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, may determine. If the commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, is satisfied that

the licensee has violated any of the provisions of this section, or any of the said rules and regulations, he shall revoke the license.

Sec. 10-B. Transportation of poultry. No person, firm or corporation shall transport poultry from place to place within this state upon any way unless possessed of a license duly issued by the commissioner of agriculture, or his duly authorized agent, provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the transportation of dressed poultry by merchants, the transportation of live or dressed poultry by the actual producer, the transportation of poultry by householders for immediate consumption, the transportation of live poultry for egg production or breeding purposes, or the transportation of poultry by common carriers.

Sec. 10-C. Penalties. Whoever violates any of the provisions of section 10-A, or any of the rules and regulations made thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200 for each offense.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of section 10-B shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 for the first offense; and shall, for the second and subsequent offenses be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'