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Legislative Document

No. 813

S. P. 553

In Senate, Mar. 3, 1933.

Reported by Senator Abbott of York from Committee on Agriculture and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

New Draft of S. P. 97, L. D. 134.

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 live poultry, the meat or product of which is to be sold or used for food, except such person, firm or corporation that raises the poultry by himself or itself or his or its agents, 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, 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 more than \$100 for each offense.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of section 10-B shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the 1st offense; and shall, for the 2nd and subsequent offenses, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'