

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 177

H. P. 604

House of Representatives, January 29, 1935.

Referred to the Committee on Maine Publicity and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Findlen of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Advertisement of Maine Agricultural Products.

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

R. S., c. 39, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 2. The commissioner of agriculture is the chief executive charged with the enforcement of chapters 39 to 43, inclusive, and shall be vigilant in discovering violations thereof and making complaint to the proper authorities. He shall by personal observation, investigation and correspondence, acquaint himself with the methods and wants of practical husbandry, the means of fertilization, and the adaptation of various products to the soils and climate of the state; also, with the progress of scientific and practical agriculture elsewhere, with a view to the more complete development of the natural resources of the state. He shall gather statistics of information concerning agriculture and publish the same annually; he shall assist the farmers of the state, in so far as is practicable, to secure farm help and to promote increased production of farm crops through the selection, the growing and the dissemination of superior strains of seeds. He shall make and preserve a full record of all rules and regulations promulgated under the provisions of this chapter, and all payments and expenses incurred hereunder, and all other transactions performed by him in

the discharge of his duties, as herein provided. He may investigate and furnish statements to shippers and other interested parties as to the quality and condition of fruits, vegetables, dairy and other perishable farm products when received within the state for intrastate or interstate commerce, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, including payment of such fees as will be reasonable and as nearly as may be to cover the cost for the service rendered. Statements so issued by the authorized agents of the department shall be received in all courts of the state of Maine as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained.

He may enter into agreements or cooperative arrangements with any person, firm or corporation for the purpose of advertising and increasing the sale and consumption of Maine farm products or disseminating information concerning the same; and he may receive, administer and disburse any funds or contributions from such persons, firms or corporations, either independently or in conjunction with state funds allocated to said purpose; provided that funds so contributed shall be used for the purposes herein set forth only. He may employ such agents and assistants and make such purchases as may be necessary in the proper performance of his duties.'