

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 5, 1935.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Goss of Poland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing for the Branding of Butter, Eggs, and Dressed Poultry.

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

Sec. 1. Sale of certain articles prohibited. No person, firm or corporation shall within this state sell, distribute, offer or expose for sale any butter, eggs, or dressed poultry without first branding and marking said articles as provided in this act.

Sec. 2. Branding of butter. Every lot or package or butter manufactured in the state of Maine that has been manufactured more than 15 days, which is sold, offered or exposed for sale at wholesale or retail 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 date the said butter was manufactured. Every lot or package of butter manufactured outside the state of Maine shall have affixed in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof a plainly printed statement, clearly and truly stating the date the said butter was manufactured and the name of the state and country where said butter was manufactured, and every lot or package of butter manufactured in a foreign country or manufactured from material from a foreign country shall have affixed in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof the date the said butter was manufactured,

the name of the country where manufactured, and the kind and character of said material so used in manufacturing.

Sec. 3. Branding of eggs. Every lot of eggs that are 8 days old or older sold at wholesale by any poultry keeper within the state shall have marked on the container of said eggs plainly and conspicuously "over 8 days old"; every lot and package of eggs so marked "over 8 days old" that has been in the hands of the dealer for more than 7 days shall be plainly and conspicuously marked that said eggs are more than 15 days old, and every lot or package of eggs that are 15 days old or older sold direct to the consumer by a poultry keeper shall have affixed in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof a plainly printed statement indicating that said eggs are over 15 days old. Every lot or package of eggs produced outside the state of Maine, and every lot or package of eggs or egg products in any form from any foreign country shall have affixed in a conspicuous place on the outside a clearly printed statement, clearly and truly stating the name of the state or country, in which the eggs were laid and the date of shipment from said state or country.

Sec. 4. Branding of dressed poultry. All dressed poultry killed within the state of Maine that has been killed more than 15 days, which is sold, offered, or exposed for sale at wholesale or retail by any person shall be marked and tagged plainly and conspicuously indicating the date that said poultry was killed. All dressed poultry killed outside of the state of Maine which is sold, offered, or exposed for sale at wholesale or retail in the state by any person shall be plainly and conspicuously marked, clearly and truly stating the name of the state and the name of the country where said poultry was killed and the date of killing said poultry.

Sec. 5. Penalty for violation. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this act or shall neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions within this act, or in any way violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25, nor more than \$100 for the first offense and by a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$200 for each subsequent offense.