

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 351**

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S. P. 319

In Senate, February 5, 1935.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Hussey of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Duties and Functions of the Maine State  
Pomological Society.

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

**Sec. 1. Duties and functions of Maine State Pomological Society.** The Maine State Pomological Society, a non-profit organization, incorporated in 1873, is hereby authorized to promote the interests of better fruit growing in Maine by holding an annual exhibition wherein premiums on horticultural products and appliances shall be paid. It may also hold such field meetings as may be thought profitable by the executive committee of the society and to pay other incidentals thereof including compensation and travelling expenses of officers; providing an itemized account of all money expended be rendered each year to the commissioner of agriculture and upon his approval and presentation of proper vouchers said bill shall be paid. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2500 to carry out the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 2. P. L., 1933, c. 116, amended.** Chapter 116 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 25. State aid to agricultural societies; apportionment; procedure for apportioning stipend.** There shall be appropriated annually from the

state treasury a sum of money not to exceed 2 cents per inhabitant of the state, which shall be known as the state stipend for aid and encouragement to agricultural societies and hereafter in this chapter designated as the stipend. This stipend shall be divided among the legally incorporated agricultural clubs, societies and fair associations of the state, hereafter in this chapter designated as societies, according to the following schedule and method. ~~One thousand dollars shall be paid annually to the Maine Pomological Society and the balance of~~ Said stipend shall be divided pro rata among the legally incorporated societies, not heretofore provided for according to the amount of premiums and gratuities actually paid in full and in cash or valuable equivalent by said societies upon live stock and agricultural and domestic products, but no such society whether specifically mentioned in this chapter or otherwise shall be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have complied with the following requirements, which shall be considered by the commissioner of agriculture hereinafter known as the commissioner, as the basis upon which his apportionment of the stipend shall be made as provided in section 8 of this chapter.'