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House of Representatives, February 8, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Marshall of Auburn by request.

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S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to State Aid to Agricultural Societies.**

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

**R. S., c. 39, § 25, amended.** The 1st 6 sentences of section 25 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

“There shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury a sum of money not to exceed  $\$$  4 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. 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 livestock 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. Each society claiming a share of the state stipend under this section shall file with the commissioner not later than December 31st of the year for which said stipend is requested, a statement made under oath, by its treasurer, setting forth the financial condition and transactions of the society, the amounts paid in premiums in the several classes or displays herein provided for, and such additional information relative to the character of displays, and the conduct of exhibitions as the commissioner may request, and upon blanks to be furnished by him. No premiums or gratuities shall be considered by the said commissioner in apportioning the amount of stipend to which any society is entitled except those offered and paid upon livestock, poultry, vegetables, grain, fruit, flowers, livestock products, home canned foods, grange exhibits, farm exhibits, boys' and girls' club exhibits, domestic and fancy articles produced in the farm home, and pulling contests by horses and oxen, and in no case shall the amount allowed on account of premiums paid in said class of domestic and fancy articles exceed the total amount allowed as premiums upon vegetables, grain, fruits, and flowers. No society, the Maine Pomological Society excepted, shall receive from the state a sum greater than that actually raised and paid by the society as premiums and gratuities in the classes herein provided, and in no case shall any society be entitled to any share of the stipend unless it shall have raised and paid in premiums in the classes heretofore set forth at least ~~\$200~~ \$400.'