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In Senate, March 24, 1939.

Reported by Senator Beckett of Washington from Committees on Agriculture and Maine Publicity jointly and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT to Promote the Blueberry Industry of the State.

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

Sec. 1. Purpose of act. The production of blueberries is one of the important agricultural industries of the state of Maine and this act is passed to conserve and promote the prosperity and welfare of the state of Maine and of the blueberry industry of the state by fostering and promoting better methods of production, merchandising and advertising the said blueberry industry of the state.

Sec. 2. Terms defined. The terms used in this act shall be construed as follows: "blueberries" shall mean and include all present commercial grades of blueberries, or such grades as may from time to time be promulgated by the department of agriculture of the state of Maine; "shipper" shall mean any person, partnership, association, firm or corporation engaged in the shipping of blueberries or transporting his own blueberries whether as owner, agent, or otherwise; "shipment" shall be deemed to take place when the blueberries are located within the state in the car, boat, truck or other conveyance in which the blueberries are to be transported; "packer" shall mean any person, partnership, association, firm or corporation engaged in the processing, packing, canning, or freezing of blueberries.

Sec. 3. Cooperation by state with blueberry growers' associations or individuals. The Maine Development Commission and the state department of agriculture are hereby authorized and empowered to cooperate with any state blueberry growers' association or individuals for the purpose of conserving and promoting the blueberry industry of the state. Any such association may collect contributions from its members to be paid over to the state for the following purposes: (1) for the purpose of investigating and determining better methods of production, shipment and merchandising of blueberries under the direction of the department of agriculture, 25%; (2) the remainder of said collections, including any unexpended portion of the aforementioned, 25%, for the general purpose of advertising Maine blueberries, to be expended under the direction of the Maine Development Commission. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

Sec. 4. Identification grades. The department of agriculture shall establish identification grades for blueberries sold by those cooperating under the provisions of this act in order to assist in the advertising of said blueberries.