

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 285**

S. P. 189

In Senate, January 30, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and sent down for concurrence.  
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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Findlen of Aroostook.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Regulating the Expenditure of the Potato Tax.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. L., 1937, c. 84, § 10, amended.** Section 10 of chapter 84 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**‘Sec. 10. Appropriation of moneys received.** Moneys received through the provisions of this act by the treasurer of state shall be appropriated and used for the following purposes:

(1) For the collection of the tax provided for by section 3 hereof, and the enforcement of all the provisions of this act;

(2) A sum which shall equal at least 25% thereof of the money collected shall be used and applied for the purpose of investigating and determining better methods of production, shipment and merchandising of potatoes, and for the manufacture and merchandising of potato by-products by the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station under the supervision of the potato tax committee.

(3) A sum which shall equal at least 25% of the money collected shall be used for the general purpose of merchandising and advertising Maine

potatoes for food and for seed purposes under the direction of the potato tax committee.

(4) The funds remaining over and above the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this act including the expenditures authorized under the provisions of sub-paragraphs numbered (2) and (3) of this section, may be expended by the committee to carry out the purposes outlined in said sub-paragraphs as it may determine.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1937, c. 84, § 11, amended. Section 11 of chapter 84 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 11. Maine potato tax committee, established. There is hereby established the Maine potato tax committee which shall consist of 9 members. The commissioner of agriculture, during his term of office, shall be a member and shall act as chairman. The director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, during his term of office, shall be a member. Seven other members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, in the following manner: one from a list of 5 names submitted by the Piscataquis County Farm Bureau; one from a list of 5 names submitted by the Penobscot County Farm Bureau; one from a list of 5 names submitted by the Southern Aroostook Pomona Grange; one from a list of 5 names submitted by the Northern Aroostook Pomona Grange; 2 from a list of 10 names submitted by the Aroostook County Farm Bureau; and one from a list of 5 names submitted by the Maine Potato Growers' and Shippers' , Inc. Each appointment shall be for the term of 2 years. The commissioner of agriculture and the director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station shall serve as ex officio officers and shall have no vote in any of the proceedings of the committee. In case of a vacancy caused by death, resignation or otherwise, of either of such appointees, the same shall be filled for the unexpired term from a list of 5 names submitted by the same organization which submitted the list from which the original appointment was made.

Said committee shall have the authority to expend all moneys appropriated under the provisions of section 10 hereof, except as therein specifically restricted, except that portion used for the collection of the tax provided for by this act. In the event that funds are available from the sum collected under the provisions of section 10 for the erection of a potato greenhouse, said committee is authorized to cause its construction.

Said committee shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed its actual expenses.'