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S. P. 514

In Senate, March 26, 1941.

Reported by Senator Findlen of Aroostook from the Committee on Agriculture and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Regulating the Expenditure of the Potato Tax.

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 Section 10 of chapter 84 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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 chapter 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 chapter;

(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 Maine Development Commission.

(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 Maine Development Commission.

(4) The funds remaining over and above the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this chapter including the expenditures authorized under the provisions of sub-paragraphs numbered (2) and (3) of this section, may be expended by the commission 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 Section 11 of chapter 84 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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 5 members to be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture from representatives of the potato industry in the state of Maine. Four of these members shall be residents of Aroostook county and one a resident of central Maine, so-called. Each member shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. In case of a vacancy caused by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by the commissioner for the unexpired period of the term. The said committee shall work with the Maine Development Commission in an advisory capacity to assist the commission in the carrying out of the provisions of this chapter. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of its duties.'