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House of Representatives, February 9, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Public Health, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Poulin of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Regulating the Sale of Horse Meat.

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

Sec. 1. Sale of horse meat regulated. No person, firm, corporation or officer, agent or employee thereof, within the state of Maine shall transport, receive for transportation, sell or offer for sale or distribution, any equine meat or food products thereof unless said equine meat is plainly and conspicuously labeled, marked, branded or tagged "horse meat" or "horse-meat products".

Whenever any person, firm or corporation within the state of Maine sells, ships or delivers to a purchaser within the state of Maine any equine meat or food products thereof, such person, firm or corporation shall deliver to the purchaser an invoice or bill showing thereon the character of such meat.

Any person, firm or corporation, officer, agent, or employee thereof, who exposes or offers for sale or distribution either in any public place or elsewhere, any equine meat or products containing equine meat shall conspicuously brand and label such equine meat and shall also conspicuously display in said place of business a notice containing the words "horse meat

and horse-meat products sold here” to the end that the purchaser may have knowledge of the facts of the article purchased.

Sec. 2. Commissioner of agriculture to enforce. The commissioner of agriculture shall by adequate inspection see that the requirements of this act are carried out.

Sec. 3. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense, and by a fine of not more than \$200 for each subsequent offense, and the municipal courts shall have jurisdiction of the offense.