

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1280

House of Representatives, March 16, 1943.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Regulating the Sale of Horse Meat.**

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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 and tagged "horse meat" or "horse-meat products"; or shall serve, expose or offer for sale or distribution either in any public place or elsewhere, any equine meat or products containing equine meat unless such equine meat is conspicuously branded and labeled and a notice containing the words "horse meat and horse-meat products sold here" is conspicuously displayed in said place of business to the end that the purchaser may have knowledge of the facts of the article purchased.

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.

**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 and superior courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction of the offense.