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House of Representatives, February 13, 1947.

Referred to Committee on Temperance. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Manufacturing Liquor.

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

R. S., c. 57, § 13, repealed and replaced. Section 13 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 13. Licenses to manufacture liquor; sales; transportation; fees. The commission is authorized and empowered to issue manufacturers' licenses to distill, rectify, brew or bottle alcohol, or spirituous, vinous or fermented liquor to distillers, rectifiers, brewers, bottlers and wineries operating under federal law and federal supervision. The following license fees shall be charged:

I. DISTILLERS AND BREWERS using exclusively the agricultural products of this state as raw material for the production of alcohol or alcoholic liquors \$ 100.
DISTILLERS AND BREWERS using exclusively the agricultural products of other states as raw material \$3,000.
DISTILLERS AND BREWERS using in part agricultural products of this state and in part those of other states as raw material shall pay

such fee as the commission may determine, to be directly proportioned as to the source and quantity of such raw material and based upon the foregoing differential.

In case Maine agricultural products are not available for use as raw material by distillers and brewers in any particular year, the commission is authorized to make such adjustment in said fees as they deem just and equitable, resulting in a final computation of not less than \$1,500.

All licensees to whom manufacturers' licenses are assigned for distilling and brewing shall pay with their application a base fee of \$100 and make monthly reports to the commission of the kind, quantity and source of raw material used by them; and a final computation of the fee for each license year shall be made by the commission as hereinbefore provided on the basis of said monthly reports and the final fees, as computed by the commission, shall be paid on December 31 of each license year.

II. RECTIFIERS' fee	\$500.
III. BOTTLERS' fee	\$500.
IV. WINERIES using exclusively the agricultural products of this state as raw material shall pay an annual license fee of	\$50.

WINERIES using in part the agricultural products of other states or foreign countries shall pay, in addition to such license fee of \$50, an excise tax of 4c per gallon on liquid raw materials and 2c per pound on solid or semi-solid raw materials; the same being under the supervision of the commission, which shall make the necessary rules and regulations for their collection.

All licenses issued under the provisions of this section shall authorize the licensees to sell their finished product to the commission, to other Maine manufacturers and to purchasers outside of the state. In the case of breweries, the license shall authorize sale to licensed Maine wholesalers; and all manufacturers' licenses shall authorize the transportation within the state for the purposes herein provided and to the state border for delivery to out of state purchasers.

No license shall be granted to a manufacturer under the provisions of this section until the applicant therefor has filed with the commission a bond to the state of Maine subject to the same obligations, conditions and provisions as relate to bonds of hotels, as set forth in section 46, except

that the penal sum of bonds filed by applicants for distillers' licenses shall be \$5,000 and applicants for all other classes of manufacturers' licenses shall file a bond in the penal sum of \$2,500.'