

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Boothby of Livermore.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Imposing an Assessment of One Cent Per Hundred-weight on Milk for Advertising and Research of the Milk Industry.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 28, § 6, amended.** The 6th and 8th paragraphs of section 6 of chapter 28 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'Each licensed dealer shall pay to said board an annual license fee of \$1 and the sums of ~~20~~ 20¢ per hundredweight as monthly payments, based on quantity of milk purchased and/or produced in any market area ~~such sums to be used to meet the cost of administering the provisions of this chapter.~~ ~~One-half~~ One cent per hundredweight may be deducted by dealers from amounts paid by them to producers of such milk.'

'In case the same milk is handled by more than 1 dealer, the first dealer within the state dealing in or handling said milk shall be deemed to be the milk dealer within the meaning of this section. For the purpose of computing fees as above provided, ½ pint of cream shall be considered the equivalent of 1 quart of milk. ~~All moneys received by said board shall be paid by the board to the treasurer of state forthwith and all such sums are appropriated for the purpose of administering the provisions of this chapter.~~

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 28, §§ 6-A, 6-B, additional.** Chapter 28 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 6-A and 6-B, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 6-A. Appropriation of moneys received.** Moneys received through the provisions of this chapter shall be paid forthwith to the treasurer of state and shall be appropriated and used for the following purposes:

I. For the collection of all fees and assessments provided for by this chapter;

II. For the cost of administering the provisions of this chapter;

III. 50% of such moneys raised by assessments for the promotional, educational, experimental plans and the research and advertising purposes as determined by the Maine milk advisory committee. All promotional and advertising plans shall be under the supervision of the Maine development commission.

Moneys received through the provisions of this chapter shall remain a continuing carrying account and shall not lapse.

**Sec. 6-B. Maine milk advisory committee.** There is hereby established the Maine milk advisory committee, which shall consist of the following 5 members: the commissioner of agriculture, 2 producers and 2 dealers to be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture on recommendation of the various producer and dealer associations, individuals or unorganized groups of producers and dealers in the state. Each appointed member shall serve for 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 appointed members shall receive the same compensation as the members of the milk control board and be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.'

**Sec. 3. Limitation.** The provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be effective only until December 31, 1951. It is the intent of the legislature to change the present statute only until December 31, 1951, after which time the present statute shall return to full force and effect.

**Sec. 4. Change of name.** The title of chapter 28 of the revised statutes is hereby changed to read 'MAINE MILK COMMISSION'; and wherever in said chapter 28 the word "board" appears, it is hereby changed to read 'commission'; and wherever in said chapter the words "milk control board" appear, they are hereby changed to read 'Maine milk commission'.