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Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fuller of Buckfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Bee Industry.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, § 147, amended. Section 147 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 147. Salary.** Bee inspectors shall be employed on a per diem basis and shall receive ~~not over \$6 per day and~~ necessary traveling expenses while actually engaged in the performance of their duties.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27, § 150, amended. Section 150 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 150. Certificates.** Any inspector ~~may~~ shall within 60 days after examination thereof issue certificates that bees or bee equipment and appliances are apparently free from disease or contamination, **if so found.**'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 27, § 152, repealed and replaced. Section 152 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 152. Public nuisance.** All bees infected by any infectious or contagious disease are hereby declared a public nuisance, and when so detected by the owner or the inspector shall be so treated as to make them free

from disease. In the control or eradication of dangerous bee diseases, the commissioner or his authorized representative may destroy by burning or otherwise any infected bees, hives, honey or appliances that he may deem necessary for such control or eradication, with a remuneration to the owner of not over \$10 for each colony so destroyed.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 27, § 153, amended. Section 153 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 54 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 153. Possession or sale of diseased bees or equipment.** It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly own or possess bees having any contagious or infectious disease, or bee equipment and appliances contaminated thereby ~~without a certificate of inspection from a bee inspector.~~ It shall be unlawful to sell, barter, or give away bees, equipment or appliances from any apiary ~~which contains bees having an infectious or contagious disease~~ without a certificate of inspection from a bee inspector ~~when the owner or manager thereof knows, or has reason to suspect, the presence of such disease therein.~~

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 27, § 155, repealed and replaced. Section 155 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 54 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 155. Notification to commissioner.** All persons owning bees within the state shall pay an annual license fee of \$1.15 on blanks furnished by the commissioner to the clerk of the town in which the owner resides, 15% to be retained by the clerk and the dollar, with the name and address of the owner, shall be forwarded to the commissioner for deposit with the treasurer of state to assist in carrying out the provisions of sections 146 to 156, inclusive.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 27, § 155-B, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 155-B, to read as follows:

'**Sec. 155-B. Rules and regulations.** The commissioner is hereby empowered and authorized to enact such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary best to carry out the provisions of sections 148 to 155, inclusive.'

Sec. 7. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$1,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and the sum of \$1,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 to carry out the provisions

of sections 146 to 156, inclusive. Any balance remaining in this account at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to the ensuing fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes.