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House of Representatives, February 25, 1949

Referred to the Committee on Public Health. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Johnson of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Sale of Rags as Wiping Clothes.

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

R. S., c. 22, §§ 73-A - 73-C, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 73-A to 73-C, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Rags as Wiping Cloths

Sec. 73-A. Sale of rags to be used as wiping cloths; registration. No person, firm or corporation shall sell or exchange any rags in commercial trade to be used as wiping cloths unless the same have been cleaned in accordance with a process approved by the department and unless the same be affixed with an adhesive stamp prepared and issued by the department.

The department shall register all applicants for stamps and assign to every such person a registration number, said registration number not to be used by any other person, and furnish to such applicant adhesive stamps in quantities of not less than 500 for which the applicant shall pay \$5 for each 500 stamps. Each 20 pounds or fraction thereof of such rags shall be affixed by the applicant with 10 of such stamps.

The department is hereby authorized to prepare and cause to be printed adhesive stamps, which shall contain a replica of the seal of the state, the

registry number of the person to whom issued and such other matter as the department shall direct.

Sec. 73-B. Rules and regulations. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enforce the provisions of section 73-A.

Sec. 73-C. Penalty. Any person violating any provision of sections 73-A to 73-C, inclusive, or the rules and regulations of the department established thereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100, for each offense; and, in default of the payment of such fine, by imprisonment for not more than 10 days for each such offense.

Each article manufactured for sale, sold, leased, offered for sale, or leased or possessed with intent to sell or lease, contrary to the provisions of sections 73-A to 73-C, inclusive, or of the rules and regulations established thereunder, shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as provided in this section.'