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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-NINE

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AN ACT Relating to the Bee Industry.

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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, § 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 contami-

nated 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. 4. R. S., c. 27, § 155, repealed and replaced.** Section 155 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 54 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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 annually notify the commissioner of the keeping of bees and the location thereof and shall forward to the commissioner for deposit with the treasurer of state an annual license fee of 10c per colony for all bees in the hive on May 15 of each year. No license fee returned shall be less than \$1 per beekeeper. This money shall be used to assist in carrying out the provisions of sections 146 to 156, inclusive.'

**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$750 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and the sum of \$750 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.