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House of Representatives, March 10, 1955

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Needham of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Packaging and Marketing of Rabbit Meat.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, §§ 255-A and 255-B, additional. Chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto two new sections to be numbered 255-A and 255-B, to read as follows:

'Rabbit Meat.

Sec. 255-A. Packaging and marketing of rabbit meat. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in offering for sale or selling rabbit meat or its products to merchants for human consumption shall use only the true name of the product as to its meat content; such packages or products in any container to be labeled "rabbit."

I. No rabbit meat either deep frozen, canned, cooked, salted or fresh shall be sold in Maine when said items are imported from any foreign country.

II. All packages of fresh or deep frozen rabbit meat shall carry the name of the seller with address, printed or by rubber stamp on the package.

III. All packages of fresh or frozen rabbit meat shall carry a State of Maine slaughter stamp, to be stamped on a conspicuous part of carton with the net weight to be clearly visible on the package, printed with indelible ink or printed on a slip attached securely to carton or container. The printed slip shall be of standard newspaper type.

IV. Any person, firm or corporation producing, offering to sell or selling rabbit meat in cartons fresh or deep frozen shall on all cartons or containers

weighing 3 pounds or less net weight mark said carton or container by rubber stamp or by lithograph printing the words "Fryer Grade."

V. Any person, firm or corporation producing, offering to sell or selling rabbit meat fresh or deep frozen shall on all cartons or containers, having over 3 pounds net weight, mark said carton or container by rubber stamp or by lithograph printing the words, "Roaster Grade."

Sec. 255-B. Penalty. Whoever violates any provision of section 255-A shall be punished by a fine of \$10 on the first offense, and by a fine of \$25 on each subsequent offense.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 106, amended. Section 106 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph at the end thereof, to read as follows:

'The provisions of this section shall not apply to the provisions of section 255-A of chapter 32, which relate to the packaging and marketing of rabbit meat.'