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S. P. 273

In Senate, February 14, 1957.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Reed of Aroostook.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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### AN ACT Relating to Branding of Potatoes.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 32, § 295, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 295 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~'The grades for potatoes recommended by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture and recognized in the central markets of the country as government grades and such other grades as may be promulgated by the Commissioner under the provisions of sections 32 to 38, inclusive, are~~ The official state grades for potatoes shall be promulgated by the Commissioner under the provisions of sections 32 to 38, inclusive, and made the official state grades for potatoes of the State presented for intrastate or interstate shipment and all containers as presented for shipment, whether by truck, train or boat, shall have written, stamped or attached thereon the name and address or serial number of the person producing or marketing the product, as well as the name and grade of the product contained therein.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 32, § 296, amended.** The 1st and 2nd sentences of section 296 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association, organization or corporation, or agent, representative or assistant to any person, firm, association, organization or corporation to expose for sale, or sell, ship, deliver or consign or have in possession potatoes prepared for market unless such container has been legibly and conspicuously tagged, branded, labeled or stenciled before being removed from the premises where prepared for market with the name and address

of the person or persons responsible for the grading and packing, and the name of the grade, ~~together with true net contents net weight and the word "potatoes."~~ ~~When tags are used, U. S. No. 1 grade shall be declared on a white tag, U. S. commercial on a yellow tag and U. S. No. 2 on a red tag.~~ It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association, organization or corporation or agent, or representative, or assistant to any person, firm, association, organization or corporation to expose for sale or sell at wholesale or retail any potatoes unless the container in which such potatoes have been placed has been legibly and conspicuously tagged, branded, labeled or stenciled with the name and address of the person or persons responsible for the grading and packing and the names of the grade together with the true net contents of said container.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 32, § 297, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 297 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'No person, firm, association, organization or corporation or agent, representative or assistant to any person, firm, association, organization or corporation shall sell, expose for sale or ship for sale potatoes in open or closed packages if the packages containing them or the label on them shall bear any statement, design or device regarding such potatoes which shall be false or misleading in any particular or if such potatoes are packed in such a manner that the face or shown surface shall not be an average of the contents of the package.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 32, § 298, amended.** The 2nd paragraph of section 298 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed as follows:

'Potatoes which do not meet the established grades as provided by section 295 may be sold as "culls" provided the package or container is conspicuously marked with the word "culls" in 3 inch red blocked letters.'