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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

## SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

1895.

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section, of fifty dollars, to be recovered upon complaint or indictment before any court of competent jurisdiction.'

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—penalty.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

Approved March 27, 1895.

## Chapter 169.

An Act for the Protection of Dairymen.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. All bottles, pipetts or other measuring glasses used by any person, firm or corporation, or their agents or employes, at any creamery, butter factory, cheese factory or condensed milk factory, or elsewhere in this state, in determining by the Babcock test, or by any other test, the value of milk or cream received from different persons or parties at such creameries or factories, shall before such use be tested for accuracy of measurement and for accuracy of the per cent scale marked thereon. Such bottles, pipetts or measuring glasses shall bear in marks or characters ineffaceable the evidence that such test has been made by the authority named in section two of this act. And no inaccurate bottles, pipetts or other glasses shall bear such marks or characters.

Bottles and glasses used to measure milk or cream shall be tested for accuracy, and marked.

—shall bear evidence that test has been made.

SECT. 2. It is hereby made the duty of the director of the state college experiment station, or other competent person designated by him, to test the accuracy of all bottles, pipetts or other measuring glasses used by persons, firms or corporations in this state buying or pooling milk or cream, or apportioning butter or cheese made from the same, by the contents of butter fat contained therein. The director of the experiment station, or the person designated by him, shall mark such bottles, pipetts or other measuring glasses as are found correct, in marks or characters which cannot be erased, and which marks or characters shall stand as proof that they have been so tested. The director of the experiment station shall receive for such service the actual cost incurred, and no more, the same to be paid by the persons or corporations for whom it is done.

Duty of director of state college experiment station, to test all bottles, etc.

—shall mark all bottles, etc. found correct.

—compensation.

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Persons who manipulate test, shall be certified by superintendent of dairy school.

Rules for granting certificate.

Penalty for using sulphuric acid of less than required specific gravity.

—penalty for violating Sec. 1 of this act.

—penalty for violating Sec. 3.

—fines, how disposed of.

When act shall take effect.

SECT. 3. Any person, either for himself or in the employ of any other person, firm or corporation, who manipulates the Babcock test or any other test, whether mechanical or chemical, for the purpose of measuring the contents of butter fat in milk or cream for a basis of apportioning the value of such milk or cream, or the butter or cheese made from the same, shall secure a certificate from the superintendent of the dairy school at the state college of agriculture and mechanic arts that he or she is competent and well qualified to perform such work. The rules and regulations in the application for such certificate and in the granting of the same shall be such as the superintendent of that school may arrange, and the fee for issuing a certificate shall in no case exceed one dollar, the same to be paid by the applicant.

SECT. 4. Whoever uses, or has in his possession with intent to use, at any creamery, butter factory, cheese factory or condensed milk factory, any sulphuric acid of less than one and eighty-two hundredths of specific gravity in the process known as the Babcock test, or any other test for determining the butter fat contents of milk or cream, shall on conviction pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for the first offense, and for a second offense a sum not exceeding fifty dollars. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of section one of this act, shall on conviction pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for the first offense, and for a second offense a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars; and any person violating section three of this act shall on conviction pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars. And it shall be the duty of every inspector of milk, sheriff, deputy sheriff and constable to institute complaint against any person or persons violating the within named provisions of this act, and on conviction one-half of the fines shall go to complainant and the balance to the state.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect in six months from the date of its approval.

Approved March 27, 1895.