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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fourth
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Chapter 97.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to Create a lien on manufactured Staves and Laths."

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

Section 1. Chapter twenty-five of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by inserting in the first line thereof after the word "of," the word 'shingle,' and in the second line after the word "of," the word 'shingle,' and in the third line after the word "into," the word 'shingles,' and in the fourth line after the word "such," the words 'shingles or,' and in the eighth line after the word "timber," the word 'shingles,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Chapter 25,
special
laws, 1907,
amended.

'Section 2. Whoever labors at cutting, hauling or sawing of shingle, stave, lath, or dowel timber or in the manufacture of shingle, stave, lath, or dowel timber into shingles, staves, laths or dowels, and the piling of such staves or laths and the bunching of such shingles or dowels, or at cooking for persons engaged in such labor, has a lien thereon for the amount due for his personal services and the services performed by his team, which takes precedence of all other claims, continues for sixty days after such timber, shingles, staves, laths and dowels are manufactured provided the same have not been sold and shipped.'

Lien on
shingles,
staves,
laths and
dowels.

Approved March 18, 1909.

Chapter 98.

An Act to amend Section one and Section three of Chapter sixty of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following: 'The commissioner of agriculture shall gather statistics of information concerning agriculture and publish the same annually; he shall assist the farmers of the state, in so far as is practical, to secure farm help, and to promote increased production of farm crops through the selection, the growing and the dissemination of superior strains of seeds. An appropriation of three thousand dollars annually shall be made, to be expended by the commissioner of agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section and section five of chapter sixty of the revised statutes, and for such other

Section 1,
chapter 60,
R. S.,
amended.

CHAP. 98

State de-
partment of
agriculture.

—commis-
sioner shall
be elected
biennially.

—tenure.

—bond.

—duties.

—shall
gather
statistics.

—assist
farmers.

—appropri-
ation.

Section 3,
chapter 60,
R. S.,
amended.

Shall hold
a state
dairymen's
conference
annually.

purposes and in such manner as in his judgment will best promote the interests of agriculture in this state;' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 1. A state department of agriculture shall be maintained for the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the interests of husbandry. A commissioner of agriculture shall be elected biennially by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention, and shall hold his office for the term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall give bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars to the state, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the treasurer of state, conditioned to faithfully account for all moneys received and disbursed by him as said commissioner. He shall by personal observation, investigation and correspondence, acquaint himself with the methods and wants of practical husbandry, the means of fertilization, and the adaptation of various products to the soils and climate of Maine; also with the progress of scientific and practical agriculture elsewhere, with a view to the more complete development of the natural resources of the state. The commissioner of agriculture shall gather statistics of information concerning agriculture and publish the same annually; he shall assist the farmers of the state, in so far as is practical, to secure farm help, and to promote increased production of farm crops through the selection, the growing and the dissemination of superior strains of seeds. An appropriation of three thousand dollars annually shall be made, to be expended by the commissioner of agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section and section five of chapter sixty of the revised statutes, and for such other purposes and in such manner as in his judgment will best promote the interests of agriculture in this state.'

Section 2. Section three of chapter sixty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" in the last line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'seven,' so that the section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 3. He shall, in connection with, and with the aid of the State Dairymen's Association, annually hold a state dairymen's conference for the exhibit of dairy products and appliances, wherein prizes for high merit and quality in butter and cheese may be offered, and may employ experts and lecturers to enhance dairy interests, but the expenses of the same shall not exceed the sum of seven hundred dollars annually.'