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OF THE
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STATE OF MAINE

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CHAP. 130

Chapter 130.

An Act to provide for the further analysis of Commercial Fertilizers.

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

Samples of commercial fertilizer may be sent to experiment station for analysis.

—conditions.

Section 1. Any person within the state may send to the director of the Maine agricultural experiment station samples of commercial fertilizers sold or offered for sale within the state for the purpose of analysis under the following conditions: Said samples shall be taken in the presence of a witness from not less than five packages of properly stored commercial fertilizer in accordance with directions to be furnished by said director; a copy of all marks upon or affixed to the package, including the brand or trademark, the name of the manufacturer and the guaranteed chemical analysis, shall accompany the sample or be deposited with the secretary of the grange or the selectmen of the town where the sample is taken.

Analysis and fees.

Section 2. On receipt of a sample of commercial fertilizer accompanied by (1) a certified statement signed by the witness that the sample was taken as provided in section one of this act, (2) a copy of the marks on or affixed to the package from which the sample was procured or a signed statement from the secretary of a grange or a selectman that the copy of the marks upon the package have been deposited with him, and (3) an analysis fee of ten dollars for each sample, the director of the Maine agricultural experiment station shall make or cause to be made an analysis of the fertilizer and shall forthwith report the results of said analysis to the sender.

When analysis shall be deemed of public importance, fees shall be returned to sender.

Section 3. If on receipt of the copy of the marks upon the package from which the sample of commercial fertilizer was taken, it shall be found that not more than one sample of the same brand has been analyzed by said director within the year, or if the actual analysis shall differ materially from the guaranteed analysis, the analysis made by said director shall be deemed to be of public importance, and the analysis fee shall be returned to the person who sent the sample. If the actual analysis agrees reasonably with the guaranteed analysis and more than one sample of the brand from which said sample was taken shall have been examined within the year, said director shall pay said analysis fee to the treasurer of the Maine agricultural experiment station and it shall be used for the enforcement of the inspection laws of which the said director is the executive. And the said director shall publish the official bulletin, giving the results of analyses that are deemed to be of public importance, annually in the month of October.

Approved March 29, 1911.