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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
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STATE OF MAINE

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STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Ninety-third Legislature

1947

Chapter 364

AN ACT Giving Commissioner of Agriculture Authority to Establish Quarantines.

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

R. S., c. 27, §§ 156-A - 156-C, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 156-A to 156-C, inclusive, to read as follows:

'Sec. 156-A. Authority. The commissioner of agriculture when he shall find that there exists in any other state, territory, or district, or part thereof any dangerous plant disease or insect infestation with reference to which the secretary of agriculture of the United States has not determined that a quarantine is necessary and has not established such quarantine, he is hereby authorized to promulgate, and to enforce by appropriate rules and regulations, a quarantine prohibiting or restricting the transportation into or through the state, or any portion thereof, from such other state, foreign country, territory or district, of any class of nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed or other article of any character whatsoever, capable of carrying such plant disease or insect infestation. The commissioner of agriculture is hereby authorized to make rules and regulations for the seizure, inspection, disinfection, destruction or other disposition of any nursery stock, plant, fruit, seed or other article of any character whatsoever, capable of carrying any other plant disease or insect infestation, a quarantine with respect to which shall have been established by the secretary of agriculture of the United States or the commissioner of agriculture of the state of Maine, and which have been transported to, into or through this state in violation of such quarantine.

Sec. 156-B. Notice. The notice of any hearing to promulgate, and the rules and regulations promulgating any quarantine provided for in the preceding section shall be by one publication in one or more newspapers in circulation in the area to be affected or in the state newspaper.

Sec. 156-C. Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions or any quarantine, or rules or regulations supplemental thereto, issued by the commissioner of agriculture in pursuance of section 156-A shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'