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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-fourth Legislature

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with such additional amounts as may from year to year be authorized by the county commissioners of the various counties.'

Effective August 6, 1949

## Chapter 342

### AN ACT Increasing the Amount Available for Expenses of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

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

R. S., c. 91, § 4, amended. The last sentence of section 4 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 6 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Each justice of said court shall be reimbursed by the state for expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him for clerical assistance, upon presentation to the state controller of an itemized statement of such expenses; but the total of such expenses of all of the justices of said court for clerical assistance shall not exceed ~~\$12,000~~ \$15,000 in any 1 year.'

Effective August 6, 1949

## Chapter 343

### AN ACT Relating to the Minor Elements in Fertilizer.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, § 158, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 158 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The term "commercial fertilizer" as used herein shall be held to include all materials used for fertilizing purposes, ~~the price of which exceeds \$10 a ton~~ except unprocessed animal manure.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27, § 162, repealed and replaced. Section 162 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 162. Registration of commercial fertilizers. Any person who shall manufacture, sell, distribute, cause to be transported, offer or expose for

sale, distribution or transportation in the state any commercial fertilizer shall before so doing file with the commissioner for each and every fertilizer bearing a distinguishing name or trademark a statement containing the following:

- I. The name, brand or trademark under which the fertilizer is sold;
- II. The name and principal address of the manufacturer or importer;
- III. A chemical analysis stating the minimum percentage of nitrogen, available as plant food, present as nitrates, as ammonium salts or as organic nitrogen; of potash soluble in water, of phosphoric acid in available form and the minimum percentage of magnesium soluble in water and/or total magnesium, the constituents to be determined by the methods adopted by the association of official agricultural chemists;
- IV. If claim is made for the presence of any plant food in addition to nitrogen, phosphoric acid, potash and magnesium, the following information shall also be given:

A. the amount of the plant food, expressed as the element in percent, both minimum and maximum; in case of a content of an element in amount less than 0.05 percent, however, this content shall be expressed as a Trace;

B. the major fertilizer material or materials used to supply the element. Said certified statement shall be accompanied when said commissioner shall so request with a sealed package containing not less than 2 pounds of the commercial fertilizer. The person who shall file said certificate shall pay annually to the commissioner a registration fee as follows: \$14 each for the nitrogen and the phosphoric acid, and \$7 each for the potash and magnesium contained or said to be contained in the fertilizer, this fee to be assessed on any brand offered for sale, distribution or transportation in the state. Whenever any person shall have filed said certificate and paid said registration fee, no other person shall be required to file such statement or pay such fee.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 27, § 164, repealed and replaced. Section 164 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 164. Markings of packages of commercial fertilizer. Every lot or package of commercial fertilizer, which is manufactured, sold, distributed, caused to be transported, offered or exposed for sale, distribution or transportation in the state by any person shall have affixed, in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof, a plainly printed statement clearly and truly

giving the number of net pounds in the package, together with all other information specified in section 162. In case a commercial fertilizer contains plant foods or other compounds which may cause injury to plant growth unless special precautions are taken, these precautions shall be clearly stated on the container. If the fertilizer is sold in bulk or put up in containers furnished by the purchaser, the seller shall, upon request of the purchaser, furnish the latter with a copy of the statements named in this section.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 27, § 168, amended. Paragraph B of subsection III of section 168 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'B. If it contains any material in sufficient amount to be deleterious to growing plants.'

Effective August 6, 1949

## Chapter 344

### AN ACT Relating to the Re-Use of Barrels for Food.

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

R. S., c. 124, § 16-A, additional. Chapter 124 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 16-A, to read as follows:

#### 'Re-use of Barrels for Food

Sec. 16-A. Re-use of barrels for food prohibited; penalty. No person, firm or corporation shall use for packing fresh fish for shipment, barrels that have been previously so used; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the re-use of barrels that have been thoroughly cleaned or sterilized. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished for the 1st offense by a fine of not more than \$100 and for the 2nd offense by a fine of not more than \$200.'

Effective August 6, 1949

## Chapter 345

### AN ACT Relating to Requisites for Old Age Assistance.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, in order for old age assistance to be granted, the applicant therefor must have no spouse or children anywhere able to support such applicant; and