

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

S. P. No. 189

S. D. No. 73

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Lord of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Define Certain Grades of Milk Offered for Sale
Within the State.

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

The commissioner of agriculture shall make rules and regulations and establish standards for the production, processing and sale of Pasteurized Milk and "Grade A Milk," both natural and pasteurized, including fat standards, bacterial standards and sanitary standards. He may make such changes and alterations in such standards as he may from time to time deem necessary, but no such standard shall be established which shall allow the application of the term 'Grade A' to any milk which shall contain less than 3.25%

10 butterfat or more than 100,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter
11 as determined by the standard methods of the American
12 Public Health Association. The commissioner shall, before
13 establishing such rules, regulations and standards or alter-
14 ations thereof hold a public meeting thereon, and shall give
15 notice of the time and place of such hearing by publication
16 for two successive weeks in a newspaper published in each
17 county of the state, the first publication to be at least four-
18 teen days prior to the date of the hearing. Said commis-
19 sioner shall also publish the proposed rules, regulations and
20 standards in a newspaper published in each county, at least
21 thirty days before the said rules, regulations and standards
22 shall become effective. Whoever by himself, his servant
23 or agent, sells, exchanges or delivers or has in his custody
24 or possession with intent to sell, exchange or deliver any
25 milk, designated as Pasteurized milk or "Grade A Milk"
26 either natural or pasteurized, and not conforming to the
27 rules, regulations and standards, as established by the com-
28 missioner of agriculture under this act, shall be punished
29 by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense.