

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 923**

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H. P. 709 House of Representatives, February 19, 1969  
Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence  
and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hichens of Eliot.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Relating to Regulating American Sea Run Smelts.

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

**P. & S. I., 1959, c. 154, Chapter B, § 2-B, additional.** Chapter B of chapter 154 of the private and special laws of 1959 is amended by adding a new section 2-B, to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-B. License; resident and nonresident, York County.** It is unlawful for any person to take American sea run smelts in any of the tidal waters or streams tributary thereto in York County from December 1st to April 15th, unless he has a current written license from the commissioner as provided in this section.

1. Resident license; designation; resident requirement; fee. A license, designated as a resident American sea run smelt license, may be issued to any person who is a legal resident of the State of Maine.

A. The license fee for a resident American sea run smelt license is \$2.25.

2. Nonresident license; designation fee. A license designated as a nonresident American sea run smelt license may be issued to any nonresident.

A. The license fee for a nonresident American sea run smelt license shall be \$4.25.

3. Licensing of juveniles. No juvenile either resident or nonresident under 16 years of age shall be required to obtain a license to fish for American sea run smelts under this section.

4. **Penalty.** Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 nor by imprisonment for not more than 60 days, or by both.

5. **Authority to issue licenses.** The Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries is authorized to issue licenses for the taking of American sea run smelts or to appoint clerks of towns or other agents to issue said licenses, and shall determine the period during which these clerks or agents shall act. The agent or clerk shall issue resident licenses upon reasonable proof that the person is in fact a resident of the State of Maine, otherwise a nonresident license shall be required. A fee of 25c shall be returned to each clerk or agent for each license issued by said clerk or agent.

6. **Revenue received from this section shall be dedicated to the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries for the further research and development of the fishery resources.**