

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 76.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-ONE.

AN ACT to amend section eleven, chapter seventy-five, of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to the taking of smelts (entitled "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish").

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Section eleven, of chapter seventy-five, of the
2 public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight,
3 is hereby amended by striking out the word
4 "April," in the third line, and inserting instead
5 thereof the word "March," and striking out the
6 word "November," in the fourth line, and inserting
7 in place thereof the word "October," and in the
8 tenth line striking out the word "April" and insert-
9 ing instead thereof the word "March," also in the

10 seventeenth line by striking out the words "April"
11 and "May" and inserting in place thereof the
12 words "March" and "April," so that said section
13 as amended shall read as follows:

14 *Sect. 11.* No smelts shall be taken or fished for
15 in any of the tidal waters in this state, in any other
16 manner than by hook and line, between the first
17 day of March and the first day of October in each
18 year, under a penalty of not less than ten dollars,
19 nor more than thirty dollars for each offense, and
20 a further penalty of twenty cents for each smelt so
21 taken, and all weirs for the capture of smelts shall
22 be opened, and so remain, and all nets of any kind
23 used in the smelt and tomcod fishery shall be taken
24 from the water on or before the said first day of
25 March in each year, under a penalty of not less
26 than twenty, nor more than fifty dollars, and a fur-
27 ther fine of five dollars per day for each day that
28 any such weir or net remains in violation of law;
29 but weirs which have catch pounds, covered with
30 net, the meshes of which are one inch square in
31 the clear or greater, shall not be subject to the
32 provisions of this section. *Provided, however,* that
33 dip nets may be used from the first day of March
34 to the twentieth day of April.

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, February 26, 1881.

Reported by Mr. BREWER, from the Committee on Fisheries
and Game, laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*