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House of Representatives, March 4, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and 1000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burgess of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Protection of Weirs.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 34, § 16, amended. Section 16 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding after the 10th paragraph thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

‘“Herring weir”, a fixed structure erected and maintained in good faith for the purpose of catching herring, during a substantial part of each fishing season in the tide-water, constructed of spiling, 2 sets of supporting binders to which are attached brush, lath racks or netting forming one or more pounds or enclosures into which fish are led or guided by one or more fixed leaders and from which they cannot readily escape. The catch pound of each weir shall consist of at least 50 spiling plus the number of stakes necessary for the leader or leaders to reach high water mark.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 34, § 41, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 41 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘No person shall set or assist in setting any net or seine within 2,000 feet of the mouth of a herring weir, measured by the shore line, except that

the owner or person in charge of **such** a weir may use nets and seines in such weir or within 2,000 feet of the mouth thereof. **Seines used shall not exceed 100 fathoms in length.'**