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Referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Silsby of Aurora.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Quantity in Purchasing Herring.**

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

**R. S., c. 34, § 36, amended.** Section 36 of chapter 34 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 36. Purchase of herring, regulated; penalty.** No person, firm or corporation shall purchase or sell herring in their live or raw state for packing purposes other than by some standard method of measurement, such as by the bushel, barrel of 3 bushels, hogshead of 17½ bushels, or fractional part of said standard method of measurement.

**All holds of all boats transporting herring for processing purposes shall be permanently marked at each foot of height, stating the number of bushels, U. S. dry measure of herring deposited in the hold of said boats, by the sealer of weights and measures of the state of Maine. A bushel shall mean 2,150.42 cubic inches.**

Any person, firm or corporation purchasing herring from a fisherman or his agent shall either pay cash to said fisherman or his agent at the time of purchase or shall furnish to said fisherman or his agent a written acknowledgment of purchase, containing all information necessary to a

complete understanding of the transaction, including the price and ~~an estimate of the~~ quantity and providing for payment not later than 7 days after receipt of said herring, and all payments shall be made in money or in money equivalent.

~~Provided, however, that a fisherman may enter into, with a purchaser of his herring, any other and different arrangement relative to the method of determining quantity of herring and the time of payment therefor that is mutually satisfactory to both parties.~~

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500, for each offense.'