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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 the Sale or Packing of Herring.

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

**R. S., c. 27, § 204-A, additional.** Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 204-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 204-A. Sale or packing of herring restricted.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale or transfer in any manner herring taken in the coastal waters of Maine, which are less than 7 inches long measured from one extreme to another, to any person, firm or corporation, other than for human consumption or bait purposes, unless such herring are not desirable for processing for human consumption; provided, however, there is a buyer of herring for processing for human consumption within a reasonable distance of the place where such herring are caught and available at the time they are offered for sale, ready and willing to purchase at a price acceptable to the seller; and no person, firm or corporation shall can, pack or otherwise process such herring except for human consumption; and provided further, that where herring under the size of 7 inches in length are mixed with larger herring and the herring of prohibited size represent less than 25% by weight of the total catch, sale or purchase, the foregoing provisions shall not be applicable.'