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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

## SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 59.**

An Act to authorize the selectmen of towns to appoint Police Officers.

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

SECT. 1. The selectmen of towns shall have power and authority to appoint and control and fix the compensation of police officers. Such appointment shall be in writing, signed by a majority of the selectmen and recorded by the town clerk, and shall be for such time not exceeding one year as the selectmen shall determine.

Selectmen of towns authorized to appoint police officers.

SECT. 2. Police officers so appointed shall severally have all the powers of a constable in criminal matters, within the limits of the town, and may be removed by the selectmen when they shall deem that the interests of the town require such removal.

Powers and removal of.

Approved March 13, 1891.

**Chapter 60.**

An Act to amend section eight of chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapters nine and one hundred and forty-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, relating to dependent soldiers and sailors, so that said section shall apply to families of soldiers and sailors.

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

Section eight of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters nine and one hundred and forty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, relating to dependent soldiers and sailors, is amended by inserting in line eleven, after the word "sailors," the following words: 'or their families,' so that section eight shall read as follows:

Sec. 8, ch. 24, R. S., as amended by ch. 146, Public Laws of 1889 [1887], further amended.

SECT. 8. No soldier or sailor who served by enlistment in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and who has received an honorable discharge from said service, and who has or may become dependent upon any town, shall be considered a pauper, or be subject to disfranchisement for that cause; but the time during which said soldier or sailor is so dependent, shall not be included in the period of residence necessary to change his settlement; and overseers of the poor shall not

Soldiers and sailors not to be considered paupers.

—shall not be supported in poor house.

**CHAP. 61** have authority to remove to, or support in the poor house, any such dependent soldier or sailor or their families; but the town of his settlement shall support them at his own home in the town of his settlement or residence, or in such suitable place other than the poor house, as the overseers of the poor of the town of his settlement may deem right and proper. This section shall not be so construed as to deprive overseers of the poor of any right to remove and support such dependent soldier or sailor and his family in the town of his settlement as herein provided.'

Approved March 13, 1891.

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### Chapter 61.

An Act to amend section seventeen of chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-one of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, relating to Migratory Fish.

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

Sec. 17, ch. 40,  
R. S., amended.

Section seventeen of chapter forty of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-one of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following words: 'and it shall be lawful to take shad and alewives in the Androscoggin river and in Merrymeeting bay from April first to June fifteenth in each year, by the use of drag seines, not more than fifty fathoms in length, and of not more than fifty meshes in depth,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

'SECT. 17. The taking of mackerel, herring, shad, porgies, or menhaden, and the fishing therefor by the use of purse and drag seines, is prohibited in all small bays, inlets, harbors or weirs, where any entrance to the same, or any part thereof from land to land, is not more than three nautical miles in width, under a penalty upon the master or person in charge of such seines, or upon the owners of any vessel or seines employed in such unlawful fishing, of not less than three hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment, or action of debt; one-fourth of the penalty to the complainant or prosecutor, and three-fourths to the county in which the proceedings are commenced; and

Taking or fishing for mackerel, herring, shad and porgies, with seines, prohibited.

—penalties, how recovered, and for whose benefit.