

ONE-HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 139 Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Thornton of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Collection and Disposition of Money Received for Violation of Fish and Game Laws.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 129, amended. Section 129 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 129. Collection and disposition of money received under this chapter. All One-half of all fines, penalties, officers' costs and all other moneys recovered by the court under any provision of this chapter shall accrue to the Treasurer of State and shall be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense is prosecuted. The other one-half shall accrue to the county and shall be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense is prosecuted. All officers' fees taxed against a respondent, if any, under any provision of this chapter, which are not paid by or recovered from the respondent shall not be assumed or paid by the county where the offense was committed is prosecuted. All One-half of all fees, fines and penalties recovered and money received or collected and including moneys received from sale, lease or rental of department owned property shall be paid to the Treasurer of State and credited to the department for the operation of fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, for the protection of fish, game and birds, information and education on conservation and for printing the report of said commissioner and other expenses incident to the administration of said department, and shall be expended by the said commissioner for the purposes for which said department is created.

Provided further, that if If any of said one-half of such fees, fines, penalties or other moneys are not expended during the year in which they are collected,

the unexpended balance shall not lapse, but be carried as a continuing account and available for the purposes herein specified until expended.

Any officer or other person who shall receive any fine or penalty, or any part thereof, for the violation of any fish or game law, or rule or regulation, or any fees for licenses issued by authority of any inland fish and game law and shall neglect for more than 30 days to pay the same as herein provided, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, and costs of prosecution for each offense.'