

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 527

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S. P. 175

In Senate, February 3, 1971

Referred to Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Moore of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Weight and Number of Whitefish Taken from  
Waters of the State.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 2553, amended. The first 4 paragraphs of section 2553 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 8 fish of the salmon, trout, togue, **whitefish** or black bass species during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the inland waters of the State except in the County of Aroostook and except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960. No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 12 fish of the salmon, trout, togue, **whitefish** or black bass species during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the inland waters of Aroostook County except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960.

No person shall take, catch or kill in any one day or have in possession at any time more than 7½ pounds in the aggregate of the trout, salmon, togue, **whitefish** and black bass species unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight to more than 7½ pounds. This paragraph shall not apply to Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, except waters open to ice fishing.

No person shall take, catch or kill in any one day or have in possession at any time more than 7½ pounds or 5 fish in the aggregate of trout, salmon, togue, **whitefish** and black bass unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight to more than 7½ pounds. This paragraph shall apply only to Sebago Lake, Cumberland County.

In waters open to ice fishing no person shall take, catch or kill in any one day or have in possession at any time more than 5 pounds in the aggregate of the trout, salmon, togue, **whitefish** and black bass species unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight to more than 5 pounds.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 2553, sub-§ 1, amended.** Subsection 1 of section 2553 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by chapter 142 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

1. **Salmon or togue.** A salmon or togue less than 14 inches in length except that the length limit on salmon taken from any of the waters in Aroostook County shall be 12 inches ~~and except that the legal length of salmon taken from Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, shall be 13 inches~~ and except that the legal length of salmon taken from Green Lake in Dedham and Ellsworth, Hancock County, Alligator Lake in T34 MD and T28 MD, Spring River Lake in T10 SD, Hancock County and Upper Middle Branch Pond in Aurora and T28 MD, Hancock County, shall be 12 inches;

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to regulate the weight and number of whitefish taken because of the increased popularity of fishing for whitefish.