

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 292

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H. P. 236

House of Representatives, January 22, 1975

Referred to Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Increase the Length of Herring which may not be Sold.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 32 MRSA §4159, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 290, is further amended to read:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale or transfer in any manner herring which are between 4½ and 7 9 inches in length when measured from one extreme to the other 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 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.

**Sec. 2.** 32 MRSA §4159, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 290, is amended to read:

1. **Tolerance of 25%; how determined.** Any person, firm or corporation may take, sell, purchase, process, ship, transport or have possession of herring which are between 4½ and 7 9 inches in length when they are mixed with herring of greater length, provided the herring between 4½ and 7 9 inches in length comprise less than 25% of the entire lot.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to extend the length of herring which may not be packed by herring packers. The herring packers by international agreement have determined that it is very feasible to pack the 9-inch herring.