

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 191

House of Representatives, February 3, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT** Relating to Smelt Fishing Seasons and Possession Limits.

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

12 **MRSA § 2558-A**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 590, § 19, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§ 2558-A. Live smelts for bait; dealers licensed**

The fee for a live smelt bait dealer's license shall be \$60 for each calendar year. Persons having such a license under this section may take, from waters designated by the commissioner, smelts for resale. The smelts may be taken at any time with a dip net, not exceeding 36 inches in width, drop net or hook and line, except that during the months of April and May it shall be lawful to take smelts by use of a dip net during only the period between 12 noon and 12 midnight. The daily limit for dealers licensed under this section shall be 4 quarts and they may possess more than 4 quarts provided the taking was legal. License holders, in accordance with this section, shall not be required to be licensed under section 2558.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This changes smelt fishing seasons and possession limits and eliminates the need for 2 separate bait dealer licenses.