

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 46.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE.

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AN ACT to establish the right to fish in small ponds.

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

SECTION 1. The fishery of any pond or lake whose  
2 area does not exceed one hundred acres, shall be  
3 private, and shall be vested in the riparian proprie-  
4 tors, subject to whatever laws the legislature may  
5 enact ; *provided*, that no proprietor shall avail himself  
6 of the right conveyed by this section until he shall  
7 have published notice, of his intention so to do five  
8 weeks successively in some weekly newspaper pub-  
9 lished in the county in which such pond or lake is situ-  
10 ated, or if there be no newspaper published in that  
11 county, then in the state paper.

SECT. 2. No person shall take or kill, or use any

2 implements for taking or killing, any fish in waters  
3 whose fisheries are made private by this act, without  
4 the consent of the proprietor, under a penalty of five  
5 dollars for each offence, and a further penalty of one  
6 dollar for each fish so taken.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 13, 1871.

Reported from the Committee on Fisheries by Mr. BARTLETT,  
and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*