

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 56.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter sixty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to the shore fisheries.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter sixty-six of
2 the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and
3 seventy-eight is hereby amended, by striking out
4 the words "one mile in width," in the sixth line of
5 said section, and by inserting in place thereof the
6 following words, viz: "two nautical miles in width,
7 and such taking or fishing therefor is also hereby
8 prohibited in any of the waters within one nautical
9 mile of the coast or of any inhabited island within
10 the jurisdiction of this state;" so that as amended
11 said section shall read as follows:

12 *Sect. 1.* The taking of mackerel, herring or por-
13 gies or menhaden, or fishing therefor by the use of
14 purse and drag seines, is hereby prohibited in all
15 of the small bays, inlets, harbors or rivers of this
16 state, where any entrance to the same, or any part
17 thereof, from any land to land is not more than two
18 nautical miles in width; and such taking or fishing
19 therefor is also hereby prohibited in any of the
20 waters within one nautical mile of the coast or of
21 any inhabited island within the jurisdiction of this
22 state, under a penalty upon the master or person
23 in charge of such seine or seines of not less than
24 one hundred nor more than three hundred dollars,
25 and there shall be a lien upon the vessels, steamers,
26 boats and apparatus used in such unlawful pursuit
27 until said penalty is paid; but a net for meshing
28 mackerel or porgies, of not more than one hundred
29 meshes in depth, and a net for meshing herring, of
30 not more than one hundred and seventy meshes in
31 depth, shall not be deemed a seine.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on and after
2 the twenty-first day of February, eighteen hundred
3 and seventy-nine.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 4, 1879. }

Reported from the Committee on Fisheries, by Mr. FARRINGTON, and ordered printed.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*