

# SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

#### HOUSE.

No. 88.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT regulating the mackerel fishing on the coast of Maine.

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

SECTION 1. The taking of mackerel, or fishing 2 therefor, by the use of purse and drag seines, is 3 hereby prohibited in all of the 'small bays, inlets, 4 harbors or rivers of this state, where any entrance 5 to the same, or any part thereof from land to land, 6 is not more than two nautical miles in width, under 7 a penalty upon the master or person in charge of 8 such seine or seines, or upon the owner or owners 9 of said vessel, seine or seines, of not less than one 10 hundred nor more three hundred dollars, and there 11 shall be a lien on the vessels, steamers, boats and

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12 apparatus used in such unlawful pursuit until said 13 penalty, with cost of prosecution, is paid; but a 14 net for meshing mackerel, of not more than one 15 hundred meshes in depth, shall not be deemed a 16 seine.

SECT. 2. All penalties named in section one may
2 be recovered by indictment or action of debt; and
3 one-fourth part of the penalty recovered or imposed
4 shall be for the benefit of the complainant or party
5 prosecuting, and the remaining three-fourths to the
6 county in which the proceedings are commenced.
SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when ap2 proved.

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In House of Representatives, February 18, 1881.

Reported by Mr. TORREY, from Minority of Committee on Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed on his motion.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, Clerk.