

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 101.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams.

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

SECTION 1. Authority is hereby granted to  
2 James A. Creighton and assigns to plant, propa-  
3 gate and preserve oysters in the waters of the  
4 Georges river and tributary streams; and said  
5 Creighton and assigns shall have the exclusive  
6 right to occupy the bed of said river and tributary  
7 streams, below low water mark, at any point be-  
8 tween the head of the tide waters of said Georges  
9 river, and the lower narrows, so-called, so far as  
10 may be necessary and convenient for the foregoing  
11 purposes; *provided* that nothing in this act shall

12 be construed as giving said Creighton and assigns  
13 the right to obstruct the free navigation of said  
14 waters.

SECT. 2. Any person who shall without per-  
2 mission from said Creighton and assigns, take or  
3 otherwise wilfully destroy, disturb or obstruct the  
4 growth of any oysters where the same may have  
5 been planted or propagated by said Creighton or  
6 assigns within said limits, shall forfeit the sum of  
7 twenty dollars for each and every such offence,  
8 to be recovered by an action of debt before any  
9 trial justice in said Knox county, in the name and  
10 for the benefit of any person who shall sue there-  
11 for, and said offender shall also be liable to said  
12 Creighton and assigns in an action of trespass for  
13 the damage occasioned by such act.

SECT. 3. Section twenty-second, of the fortieth  
2 chapter of revised statutes of this state, shall not  
3 apply to any of the waters within the limits named  
4 herein.

SECT. 4. Said Creighton and assigns are hereby  
2 required to commence planting oysters within two  
3 years from and after the passage of this act, other-  
4 wise it shall become inoperative.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when ap-  
2 proved by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 23, 1881. }

Reported by Mr. TORREY, from Committee on Fisheries, read  
once and ordered printed on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*