

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Second Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 46.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 17 of chapter 40 of the
Revised Statutes, relating to Migratory Fish.

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

Section seventeen of chapter forty of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended as follows: After the
3 word "herring," in the first line of said section, insert
4 the word 'shad.' Strike out the word "two" in
5 the fourth line and in its place insert the word
6 'three.' Strike out the word "said" in the sixth
7 line and in its place insert the word 'any.' After
8 the words "or seines" in the sixth line, insert the
9 words 'employed in such unlawful fishing.' Strike
10 out the word "one" in the sixth line and in its

11 place insert 'three.' Strike out the word "three"
12 in the seventh line and in its place insert 'five.'
13 After the word "depth" in the fifteenth line, insert
14 the words 'and a net for meshing shad of not more
15 than seventy-five meshes in depth,' so that said
16 section as amended shall read as follows:

'SECT. 17. The taking of mackerel, herring,
18 shad, porgies, or menhaden, and the fishing there-
19 for by the use of purse and drag seines is prohib-
20 ited in all small bays, inlets, harbors or rivers,
21 where any entrance to the same, or any part there-
22 of from land to land, is not more than three nauti-
23 cal miles in width, under a penalty upon the master
24 or person in charge of such seines, or upon the
25 owners of any vessel or seines employed in such
26 unlawful fishing, of not less than three hundred,
27 nor more than five hundred, dollars, to be recovered
28 by indictment, or action of debt; one fourth of the
29 penalty to the complainant or prosecutor, and three
30 fourths to the county in which the proceedings are
31 commenced; and there shall be a lien upon the
32 vessels, steamers, boats and apparatus used in such
33 unlawful pursuit until said penalty, with costs of
34 prosecution, is paid; but a net for meshing mack-
35 erel, or porgies, of not more than one hundred
36 meshes in depth, and a net for meshing herring, of

37 not more than one hundred and seventy meshes in
38 depth, and a net for meshing shad, of not more
39 than seventy-five meshes in depth, shall not be
40 deemed a seine.

[STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 30, 1885. }

Reported from Committee on Fisheries and Game by Mr. HINCKLEY;
ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*