

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 199.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section seventeen of chapter forty of the  
Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and  
sixty-one of the public laws of 1885, relating to Migratory  
Fish.

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

Section seventeen of chapter forty of the Revised Statutes  
2 as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-one of the  
3 public laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five  
4 is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following  
5 words : 'And it shall be lawful to take shad and alewives

6 in the Androscoggin river and in Merrymeeting bay from  
7 April 1st to June 15th in each year by the use of drag  
8 seines, not more than fifty fathoms in length, and if not  
9 more than fifty meshes in depth,' so that said section as  
10 amended shall read as follows :

'Section 17. The taking of mackerel, herring, shad,  
12 porgies or menhaden, and the fishing therefor by the use  
13 of purse and drag seines is prohibited in all small bays,  
14 inlets, harbors or rivers, where any entrance to the same,  
15 or any part thereof from land to land, is not more than three  
16 nautical miles in width, under a penalty upon the master  
17 or person in charge of such seines, or upon the owners of  
18 any vessel or seines employed in such unlawful fishing,  
19 of not less than three hundred, nor more than five hun-  
20 dred dollars, to be recovered by indictment or action of  
21 debt; one-fourth of the penalty to the complainant or  
22 prosecutor, and three-fourths to the county in which the  
23 proceedings are commenced, and there shall be a lien  
24 upon the vessels, steamers, boats and apparatus used in  
25 such unlawful pursuit until said penalty, with costs of  
26 prosecution is paid, but a net for meshing mackerel or  
27 porgies of not more than one hundred meshes in depth,  
28 and a net for meshing herring, of not more than one hun-  
29 dred and seventy meshes in depth, and a net for meshing  
30 shad, of not more than seventy-five meshes in depth, shall  
31 not be deemed a seine; and it shall be lawful to take shad  
32 and alewives in the Androscoggin river and in Merry-  
33 meeting bay from April 1st to June 15th in each year by  
34 the use of drag seines not more than fifty fathoms in  
35 length, and of not more than fifty meshes in depth.'



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 5, 1891. }

Reported by Mr. WEBB of Deer Isle, from Committee on Fisheries and  
Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*