

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 125.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT entitled "An Act to amend section thirty-two of chapter two hundred and eighty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, regarding taking of Smelts in Tide Waters."

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

Section thirty-two of chapter two hundred and eighty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is hereby amended by striking out of the third line of said section the word "October" and inserting in place thereof the word 'September,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 32. No smelts shall be taken or fished for in tidal waters, except by hook and line, between the first days of April and September, under a penalty of not less than ten,

10 nor more than thirty dollars for each offense, and a further
11 penalty of twenty cents for each smelt so taken ; and all weirs
12 for the capture of smelts shall be opened, and so remain,
13 and all nets used in the smelt and tom-cod fishery shall be
14 taken from the water on or before the first day of April, un-
15 der a penalty of not less than twenty, nor more than fifty
16 dollars, and a further fine of five dollars for each day that
17 any such weir or net remains in violation of law ; but weirs
18 with catch-pounds, covered with net, the meshes of which are
19 one inch square in the clear, or greater, are not subject to this
20 section. Provided, however, that dip nets may be used be-
21 tween the first and twentieth days of April. Provided,
22 further, that this section does not apply to smelts taken in the
23 Androscoggin river above the Merrymeeting bay bridge,
24 between the first days of October and November, nor to
25 smelts taken in the Penobscot river and its tributaries,
26 between the first and the fifteenth days of April, nor to smelts
27 taken in Casco bay between the fifteenth day of September
28 and the first day of October, nor to smelts taken in Machias
29 river, above Machiasport toll bridge, between the first day
30 of April and the first day of May.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, February 16, 1899.

Reported by Mr. WOOD of Camden, from Committee on Shore Fisheries,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*