

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 255

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter two hundred seventy-nine of the
Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, relating to the
Packing of Sardines.

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

Section 1. Chapter two hundred seventy-nine of the Pub-
lic Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven is hereby amended
so as to read as follows:

‘Section 1. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries
shall require a strict observation of the following rules.
Whoever catches, takes, preserves, sells, or offers for sale,
between the first day of December and the tenth day of the
following May, any herring for canning purposes, less than

9 eight inches long, measured from one extreme to the other,
10 or packs or cans sardines of any description, between the
11 first day of December and the tenth day of the following
12 May, forfeits twenty dollars for every hundred cans so
13 packed or canned, and for every hundred herring so taken ;
14 and whoever bakes, fries, packs or cans any herring or other
15 fish for sardines without first heading the same, and whoever
16 sells, offers for sale or has in his possession for sale any
17 sardines packed without being so headed shall forfeit twenty
18 dollars for every hundred cans so packed, sold, offered for
19 sale or in possession for sale, to be recovered by indictment
20 or action of debt, one-half to the complainant or prosecutor,
21 and one-half to the town in which the offense is committed.'

'Sect. 2. All cans shall be decorated, stamped or labelled,
23 with quality, packer's name and place of business, or mer-
24 chant's name for whom the same are packed. Whoever
25 ships, sells or offers for sale, any sardines in violation of this
26 section shall forfeit twenty dollars for every one hundred
27 cans so shipped, sold or offered for sale, to be recovered by
28 action, indictment or action of debt, one-half to the complain-
29 ant or prosecutor and one-half to the town in which the
30 offense was committed.'

'Sect. 3. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries shall
32 insist upon the strict enforcement of this act and require from
33 the wardens who have jurisdiction in localities where sar-
34 dine canning factories are located, to give a good and suffi-
35 cient bond in the sum of five thousand dollars payable to the
36 treasurer of the State of Maine, said bond to be deposited in
37 the State treasury, to guarantee the faithful and strict en-

38 enforcement of the provisions of this act and its penalties, and
39 in no case shall a packer of sardines be accepted as a surety.'

'Sect. 4. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries or his
41 wardens shall inquire into violations of the laws relating to
42 sardines and enforce the penalties thereto, and for the pur-
43 pose of inquiring into any violation of said laws, and enforce-
44 ing the penalties thereof, such commissioner or his deputies
45 may at all reasonable times enter any manufactory, or can-
46 ning establishment, and make investigations concerning the
47 methods employed and the condition of the product, and if
48 necessary, open packages and cut open cans of sardines for
49 such investigation. Sufficient wardens shall be appointed by
50 the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries to enforce the
51 provisions of this act, and for the city of Eastport and town
52 of Lubec, not less than two each, and the compensation of the
53 wardens shall be two dollars per day and expenses when
54 actually employed. No person shall be eligible for appoint-
55 ment as warden who is the owner in a sardine factory or a
56 relative of such an owner in the town where such factory is
57 located.'

'Sect. 5. All acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with this act,
59 are hereby repealed.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 3, 1899.

Tabled pending reference to Committee, by Mr. WOOD of Camden,
and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*