

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 353

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section thirty-five of chapter 285, of the Public Laws of 1897, entitled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws relating to sea and shore fisheries, as amended by chapter 92, of the Public Laws of 1899.

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

Section 1. Section thirty-five of chapter two hundred and 2 eighty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and 3 ninety-seven, as amended by chapter ninety-two of the Pub- 4 lic Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby 5 amended by striking out of the last line of said section the 6 words: "On the sea shores," and inserting in place thereof 7 the words: 'For the purpose of taking herring or other salt 8 water fish,' so that said section as amended shall read as 9 follows:

‘Sect. 35. The limit of depth prescribed for weirs in the
11 preceding section shall be measured at the entrance of the
12 weir, provided that no part of the weir known as the leader,
13 is in more than two feet of water at low water mark. Weirs
14 may exceed the limit of two feet depth, measured as afore-
15 said under the following conditions: First, the distance
16 from the before mentioned two feet limit, to the entrance
17 of such weir, shall not exceed one hundred feet; second, no
18 such weir shall obstruct more than one-eighth of the chan-
19 nel, except in the Cathance, Abbagadaset and Eastern rivers,
20 such weirs may extend twenty-five feet beyond the one-
21 eighth aforesaid, provided such extension shall not exceed
22 one-fourth of the width of the channel in the Abbagadaset
23 and Eastern rivers; third, every such weir shall be stripped
24 so as to render it incapable of taking fish between the
25 twenty-fifth day of June and the fifteenth day of August of
26 each year, but these conditions apply only to weirs that
27 exceed the aforesaid limit of depth. The standard for low
28 water mark on the Kennebec river, is in all cases the nearest
29 bench mark of the United States coast survey, allowance
30 being made at the various points for the difference in time.
31 The provisions of this and the preceding sections do not
32 apply to weirs built for the purpose of taking herring or
33 other salt water fish.’

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 8, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*