

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 368

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of the
Public Laws of 1897, relating to the packing of sardines.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and seventy-
2 nine of the Public Laws of 1897 is hereby amended, by insert-
3 ing in the tenth line of said section after the word, "who-
4 ever," the word, 'either,' and in the eleventh line thereof
5 after the word, "without," the word, 'first,' so that said sec-
6 tion as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 1. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries
8 shall require a strict observation of the following rules.

9 Whoever catches, takes, preserves, sells, or offers for sale
10 between the first day of December and the tenth day of the
11 following May, any herring for canning purposes less than
12 eight inches long, measured from one extreme to the other,
13 or packs or cans sardines of any description, between the
14 first day of December and the tenth day of the following
15 May, forfeits twenty dollars for every hundred cans
16 so packed or canned, and for every hundred herring
17 so taken; and whoever either bakes, fries, packs or
18 cans any herring or other fish for sardines without
19 first heading and eviscerating the same, and whoever
20 sells, offers for sale or has in his possession for
21 sale any sardines packed without being so headed
22 and eviscerated shall forfeit twenty dollars for every
23 hundred cans so packed, sold, offered for sale or
24 in possession for sale, to be recovered by indict-
25 ment or action of debt, one-half to the complainant
26 or prosecutor, and one-half to the town in which
27 the offense is committed. In packing herring, mack-
28 erel or other fish in hermetically sealed cans, either
29 in oil, mustard or vinegar, there shall be used not
30 less than three quarts of oil, of the first quality,
31 pure summer or winter cotton oil or any food oil
32 of equal quality, for every hundred cans so packed
33 of the size known as quarter oils; three quarts of
34 mustard sauce of good quality for every fifty cans
35 of the size known as three-quarter mustards; and
36 for every one hundred cans of the size known as
37 one-quarter mustards; one gallon of vinegar for
38 every one hundred cans of the size known as one-
39 quarter spiced; and for every fifty cans of the
40 size known as three-quarter spiced or tomato. Proprietors
41 of fish packing factories shall provide sealed measures hold-

42 ing one one-hundredth part of three quarts each, which shall
43 be used in measuring all oil into quarter oil sardine cans, and
44 measures holding one-fiftieth part of a gallon which shall
45 be used in measuring all mustard sauce and vinegar into
46 three-quarter size cans used in packing sardines, and all fish
47 packed as aforesaid shall be when so packed good and sound,
48 except that they shall be cleaned, headed and eviscerated.
49 Whoever packs or cans, or causes to be packed or canned
50 any fish in violation of this section shall forfeit twenty dol-
51 lars for every one hundred cans, or fifty cans as aforesaid,
52 as the case may be, so packed by him or by his employes, to
53 be recovered by complaint.'

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 12, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*