

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 23

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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 eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and by chapter sixty-one of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to Migratory Fish.

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 and by chapter sixty-one of the Public Laws of the year 5 eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby further amended 6 by striking out the word "fifteenth" in the twenty-second line 7 of said section, and substituting in lieu thereof the word 8 'twenty-fifth,' and by striking out the word "fifty" in the

9 twenty-third line of said section, and substituting in lieu
10 thereof the word 'seventy-five,' so that said section, as
11 amended, shall read as follows :

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, January 29, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*