

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 517

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, as amended by chapter two hundred and forty of the public laws of nineteen hundred and one, 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 eighteen hundred and ninety-seven,
3 as amended by chapter two hundred and forty of the public
4 laws of nineteen hundred and one, is hereby further amended
5 so as to read as follows :

'Section 1. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries
7 shall require a strict observation of the following rules.
8 Whoever catches, takes, preserves, sells or offers for sale
9 prior to the tenth day of May, nineteen hundred and three,
10 any herring for canning purposes less than eight inches long,

11 measured from one extreme to the other, or packs or cans
12 sardines of any description, prior to the tenth day of May,
13 nineteen hundred and three, forfeits twenty dollars for every
14 hundred cans so packed or canned, and for every hundred
15 herring so taken; and whoever, beginning with December
16 first, nineteen hundred and three, catches, takes, preserves,
17 sells, or offers for sale between the first day of December and
18 the fifteenth day of the following April, any herring for can-
19 ning purposes less than eight inches long, measured from one
20 extreme to the other, or packs or cans sardines of any descrip-
21 tion, between the first day of December and the fifteenth day
22 of the following April, forfeits twenty dollars for every hun-
23 dred cans so packed or canned, and for every hundred her-
24 ring so taken; and whoever, after the approval of this act,
25 either bakes, fries, steams, or cooks in any manner, packs or
26 cans any herring or other fish for sardines without first head-
27 ing and eviscerating the same, and whoever sells, offers for
28 sale or has in his possession for sale any sardines packed
29 without being so headed and eviscerated shall forfeit twenty
30 dollars for every hundred cans so packed, sold, offered for
31 sale or in possession for sale, to be recovered by indictment
32 or action of debt, one-half to the complainant prosecutor, and
33 one-half to the town in which the offense is committed. In
34 packing herring, mackerel or other fish in hermetically sealed
35 cans, either in oil, mustard or vinegar, there shall be used not
36 less than three quarts of oil, of the first quality, pure summer
37 or winter cotton oil, or any food oil of equal quality, for every
38 hundred cans so packed of the size known as quarter oils;
39 three quarts of mustard sauce of good quality for every fifty
40 cans of the size known as three-quarter mustards; and for
41 every one hundred cans of the size known as one-quarter mus-
42 tards; one gallon of vinegar for every one hundred cans of
43 the size known as one-quarter spiced; and for every fifty cans
44 of the size known as three-quarter spiced or tomato. Pro-

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

Sect. 2. Section three of said **chapter two hundred and**
2 **seventy-nine** is hereby amended by **striking out** the word
3 "six" in the second line of said section and substituting in
4 place thereof the word 'five', so that said section, as amended,
5 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. No can of sardines shall be packed with less than
7 five fish and no fish shall be packed as sardines unless they
8 have been headed and eviscerated within twenty-four hours
9 from the time they arrive at the factory. No fish shall be
10 baked for sardines in ovens unless they shall first be properly
11 flaked in rows and laid on without overlapping. Whoever
12 flakes, bakes or packs any sardines in violation of this section
13 forfeits five dollars for every hundred fish so flaked, baked or
14 packed, to be recovered by indictment or action for debt, one
15 half to the complainant or prosecutor, and one-half to the
16 town in which the offense is committed.'

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 21, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*