

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 671

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Section 47 of Chapter 41 of the Revised
Statutes.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section 47 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "twenty-fifth" in the thirteenth line, and inserting the words 'fifteenth' in its place, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

The limit of depth prescribed for weirs in the preceding section shall be measured at the entrance of the weir, provided that no part of the weir known as the leader, is in more than two feet of water at low water mark. Weirs may exceed the limit of two feet in depth, measured as

11 aforesaid, under the following conditions: First, the dis-
12 tance from the before mentioned two feet limit to the en-
13 trance of such weir, shall not exceed one hundred feet;
14 second, no such weir shall obstruct more than one eighth of
15 the channel, except that in the Cathance, Abbagadasset and
16 Eastern rivers, such weirs may extend twenty-five feet
17 beyond the one-eighth aforesaid, provided such extension
18 shall not exceed one-fourth of the width of the channel in
19 the Abbagadasset and Eastern rivers; third, every such
20 weir shall be stripped so as to render it incapable of taking
21 fish between the fifteenth day of June and the fifteenth day
22 of August of each year; but these conditions apply only to
23 weirs that exceed the aforesaid limit of depth. The stand-
24 ard for low water mark on the Kennebec river is in all cases
25 the nearest bench mark of the new United States coast sur-
26 vey allowance being made at the various points for the dif-
27 ference in time. The provisions of this and the preceding
28 sections do not apply to weirs built for the purpose of tak-
29 ing herring, or other salt water fish.

Sect. 2. There shall be a close time on sturgeon from
2 July first to December first of each year, during which time
3 no sturgeon shall be fished for or killed, and no sturgeon
4 less than five feet in length shall at any time be sold or
5 offered for sale, under a penalty of five dollars for each
6 sturgeon unlawfully taken or offered for sale. All fines
7 and penalties under this section may be recovered by com-
8 plaint or indictment.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 18, 1909.

Reported by Mr. KELLEY from Committee on Shore Fisheries and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*