

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 245

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 20, 1911.*

*Reported by Mr. Bowman from Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT relating to the protection of smelts along the coast  
of Maine.

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

Section 1. No smelts shall be taken or fished for in the  
2 tidal waters along the coast of Maine within one-half mile  
3 of the coast line at mean high water mark starting from Fort  
4 Point on the west bank of the New Meadows River in Casco  
5 Bay and continuing easterly along the coast of Maine to  
6 Owls Head in Penobscot Bay, except by hook and line or  
7 weirs or set nets through the ice, under penalty of not less  
8 than ten nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.

Sect. 2. Any person convicted of fishing or catching smelts  
2 within one-half mile of said coast line at mean high water

3 mark starting from Fort Point on the west bank of New  
4 Meadows River in Casco Bay and continuing easterly along  
5 the coast of Maine to Owls Head in Penobscot Bay, in any  
6 other way than hook and line or weirs or set nets through  
7 the ice shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor  
8 more than fifty dollars by complaint or indictment, one-half  
9 to the use of the complainant and one-half to the county  
10 where the proceedings are commenced. Full jurisdiction to  
11 impose said fine is hereby conferred upon municipal and po-  
12 lice courts and upon trial justices.

Sect. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act  
2 are hereby repealed.