

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 333

House of Representatives, March 5, 1919.

By Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor tabled for printing pending reference to a committee in concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Peacock of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Licensing of the Sardine Packers,
Herring Fishermen and Boatmen of Maine, to Improve the
Quality of Fish Used for Sardines and to Establish Stand-
ards of Measures for Sardine Herring.

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

Section 1. That it is essential to the development and
2 welfare of the sardine industry to improve the quality of
3 sardines delivered at the factories and to maintain proper
4 control of said industry. For this purpose the means and
5 authority hereinafter set forth are created and conferred.
6 The sea and shore fisheries commission is authorized to
7 make such regulations and to issue such orders as are essen-
8 tial effectively to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sect. 2. No fish over twenty per cent. of which are
2 "feedy" shall be used for sardines unless they are cut and
3 eviscerated. Fish shall be considered "feedy" if their
4 stomachs are distended with shrimp or red food to a di-
5 ameter of three-eighths of an inch or over in case of fish
6 eight inches in length, or three-sixteenths of an inch or over
7 in case of fish under six inches in length.

Sect. 3. For the purposes of this act, the following units
2 are established for the purchase or sale of sardine herring.
3 The unit shall be the hogshhead which is equivalent to ten
4 tubs of one and three-fourths standard United States bush-
5 els each or seventeen and one-half standard United States
6 bushels.

Sect. 4. The sea and shore fisheries commission shall
2 license all packers of sardines or canned herring, all per-
3 sons engaged in the catching of herring, and all boatmen
4 carrying herring to the factories in order to carry into
5 effect the purposes of this act, and after April 15, 1919, no
6 persons shall engage in the catching of herring, boating
7 the same to the factories or in the packing or canning of
8 sardines or herring unless he shall first secure and hold
9 such a license. Said commission is authorized to issue
10 such licenses and to prescribe regulations for the issuance
11 of licenses, and for the submission of reports by said li-
12 censes and for the entry and inspection by the commission's
13 authorized agents of boats, wharves, and places of busi-
14 ness of said licenses. Whenever the commission shall find

15 that any licensee has violated any provisions of this act,
16 it may revoke such license. Any person, who without a
17 license issued pursuant to this section or whose license has
18 been revoked, engages in the catching of herring, boating
19 of herring to the factory or in the canning of sardines or
20 herring or who wilfully refuses to carry out the rules or
21 regulations of said commission shall upon conviction there-
22 of forfeit twenty dollars for each hogshhead of herring so
23 caught, boated to the factory, or for each hundred cans so
24 packed or canned.

Each fisherman or weirman shall pay an annual fee of
2 five dollars. Each boatman shall pay an annual fee of five
3 dollars.

Sect. 5. All packers or canners of sardines or canned
2 herring must have the fish used for such canning purposes
3 inspected in a manner satisfactory to the commission of
4 sea and shore fisheries. All such fish not so inspected by
5 such packers or canners shall be inspected under the direc-
6 tion of the commission of sea and shore fisheries and to
7 defray the expense thereof, a fee of two cents per case for
8 each case so inspected shall be paid by such packers or
9 canners.

Sect. 6. The sea and shore fisheries commission is hereby
2 authorized to employ during the sardine canning season
3 one or more sardine fishing inspectors who shall be their
4 lawful and authorized agents in carrying out the provisions
5 of this act.