

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 225

In Senate, March 15, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Peacock from Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and laid on the table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

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, to improve the quality of fish used for sardines and to establish standards 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 welfare of the sardine industry to improve the quality of sardines delivered at the factories and to maintain proper control of said industry. For this purpose the means and authority hereinafter set forth are created and conferred. The Sea and Shore Fisheries Commission is authorized to make such regulations and to issue such orders as are essential effectively to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sect. 2. No fish over twenty per cent of which are “feedy” shall be used for sardines unless they are cut and eviscerated. Fish shall be considered “feedy” if their stomachs are distended with shrimp or red feed to a diameter of three-eighths inch or over in case of fish eight inches in length, one-fourth inch or over in case of fish six to eight inches in length, or three-sixteenths inch or over in case of fish under six inches in length.

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

Sect. 4. The sea and shore fisheries commission shall license all packers of sardines or canned herring and in order to carry into effect the purposes of this act and after April fifteenth, nineteen hundred nineteen, no persons shall engage in the packing or canning of sardines or herring, unless he shall first secure and hold such a license. Said commission is authorized to issue such license and to prescribe regulations for the issuance of licenses, and provide for the submission of reports by said licenses and for the entry and inspection by commission’s authorized agent of boats, wharves and places of business of the said licenses. When the commission shall find that any licensee has violated any provision of this act, they may suspend such license and any

14 person who without a license issued pursuant to this section,
15 or whose license has been suspended, engages in the canning
16 of sardines or herring, or who wilfully refuses to carry out
17 the rules or regulations of said commission shall, upon con-
18 viction, thereof, forfeit twenty dollars for each one hundred
19 cans so packed or canned.

Sect. 5. All packers or canners of sardines or canned her-
2 ring must have inspection of the fish used for such canning
3 purposes made in a manner that will insure that they are
4 packed in accordance with the provisions of this act to the
5 satisfaction of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore
6 Fisheries. All such fish not so inspected by such packers or
7 canners shall be inspected under the direction of the com-
8 mission of sea and shore fisheries and to defray the expense
9 thereof, a fee of two cents per case for each case so in-
10 spected shall be paid by such packers or canners.

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