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#### EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

### HOUSE NO. 357

House of Representatives, March 9, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Adams from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

### STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section Nine of Chapter Two Hundred and Nineteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Screening of Lakes and Ponds.

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

Section nine of chapter two hundred and nineteen of the

- 2 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby
- 3 amended by inserting after the word "determine" in the
- 4 third line of said section the words 'provided, further, that
- 5 the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, upon peti-
- 6 tion of twenty-five interested citizens of the state, may pro-
- 7 mulgate regulations prohibiting all fishing within five hun-
- 8 dred yards of any screen installed by authority of the de-

9 partment of inland fisheries and game or by virtue of an 10 appropriation made for same by the legislature of this 11 state,' and by inserting after the word "game" in the fifth 12 line of said section the words 'or whoever fishes for, takes, 13 catches, kills or destroys any kind of fish at any time in 14 any waters closed to fishing by virtue of this section,' and 15 by striking out the words "fifty dollars and costs for each 16 offense" in the sixth line of said section, and by inserting 17 in place thereof, the words 'not less than fifty dollars nor 18 more than five hundred dollars and costs for each offense, 19 or imprisonment not exceeding three years,' so that said 20 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 9. The commissioner may in his discretion author2 ize the screening of the outlet of any pond or lake under
3 such conditions as he may determine. Provided, further,
4 that the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, upon
5 petition of twenty-five interested citizens of the state, may
6 promulgate regulations prohibiting all fishing within five
7 hundred yards of any screen installed by authority of the
8 department of inland fisheries and game or by virtue of an
9 appropriation made for same by the legislature of this state.
10 Whoever shall take up, destroy or injure any screen erected
11 at the outlet of any lake or pond by authority of the com12 missioners of inland fisheries and game, or whoever fishes
13 for, takes, catches, kills or destroys any kind of fish at any
14 time in any waters closed to fishing by virtue of this sec15 tion, shall pay a fine of not less than fifty nor more than

16 five hundred dollars and costs for each offense or imprison-17 ment not exceeding three years.'