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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE NO. 229

In Senate, March 9, 1923.

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

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Emery of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-seven of Chapter Twentytwo of the Revised Statutes Relative to a Close Time on Scallops.

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

Section sixty-seven of chapter twenty-two of the revised

- 2 statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:
- 3 'so much of this section as relates to buying or selling or
- 4 exposing for sale or the possession of scallops shall not
- 5 apply to scallops taken outside of the waters of the state
- 6 of Maine,' so that said section as amended shall read as
- 7 follows:

'Sect. 67. Close time on scallops; boat and equipment

2 may be seized and detained; prima facie evidence of viola-3 tion. No person shall catch, buy or sell, expose for sale, 4 give away, or have in his possession for any purpose any 5 scallops, shelled or in the shell, between the fifteenth day 6 of April and the first day of November of each year. It 7 shall be unlawful to ship scallops so taken out of the state. 8 Whoever violates this section shall be liable to a penalty 9 of fifty dollars, and in addition shall pay a penalty of five 10 dollars for each and every gallon or part thereof of shelled II scallops, so bought, sold, exposed for sale, given away or 12 in his possession; and shall pay the penalty of five dollars 13 for each one hundred scallops or any part thereof, in the 14 shell, so bought, sold, exposed for sale, given away or in 15 his possession; and any boat with its equipment, engaged 16 and used in such unlawful catching or selling of scallops 17 may be seized and detained by an officer or warden, not 18 exceeding twenty-four hours, in order that it may be at-19 tached or taken by due process of law, to satisfy any judg-20 ment that may be recovered; but said boat and equipment 21 shall be released at any time on payment and costs legally 22 due. Scallop gear found on board any boat in close time 23 shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. 24 So much of this section as relates to buying or selling or 25 exposing for sale or the possession of scallops shall not 26 apply to scallops taken outside of the waters of the state of 27 Maine.'