

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 260

In Senate, March 21, 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 for the Better Protection of Smelts.

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

Section seventy-four, chapter forty-five of the revised
2 statutes as amended by public laws 1917; section seventy-
3 five, seventy-six and seventy-seven of said chapter are
4 hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following be sub-
5 stituted:

‘No smelts shall be taken or fished for in any waters of
2 the state between the first day of April and the first day
3 of October of each year except by hook and line. Anyone
4 violating any provision of this act shall be punished by a
5 fine of one hundred dollars for each offense.’

Nothing in this act shall apply to smelts taken in fish
2 weirs or traps maintained and operated for the catching of
3 sardines and herring.