

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 557

H. D. No. 350

House of Representatives, March 11, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bishop of Boothbay Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Taking Herring in the Sheepscot River.

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

Section forty-eight of chapter forty-five of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "state" in the fourteenth line the following: 'except in so
4 much of Sheepscot Bay as is comprised within the following
5 lines. Beginning at the northerly point of Green Island,
6 thence westerly to Pond Island Light Station; thence North-
7 easterly by the coast line to the northerly point of MacMa-
8 han Island; thence easterly to the point of beginning,' so
9 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 48. Whoever takes, preserves, sells or offers for

2 sale between the first day of December and the fifteenth
3 day of the following April, any herring for canning purposes
4 less than eight inches long, measured from one extreme to
5 the other, or packs or cans sardines of any description, be-
6 tween the first day of December and the fifteenth day of
7 the following April, forfeits twenty dollars for every hun-
8 dred cans so packed or canned, and for every hundred
9 herring so taken. All cans shall be decorated, stamped or
10 labeled with quality, packer's name and place of business, or
11 merchant's name for whom the same are packed, except
12 sardines packed in plain cans and shipped for buyers' labels
13 or cartons. Whoever sells or offers for sale any sardines
14 in cans not so decorated or labeled, shall forfeit one dollar
15 for every can so sold or offered for sale, to be recovered
16 by complaint, indictment or action of debt. No person shall
17 use in the herring fishery, in any of the waters of this state
18 except in so much of Sheepscot Bay as is comprised within
19 the following lines: beginning at the northerly point of
20 Green Island, thence Southerly by the coast line to the
21 Cuckolds Light Station; thence westerly to Pond Island
22 Light Station; thence northeasterly by the coast line to the
23 northerly point of MacMahan Island; thence easterly to the
24 point of beginning, torches or any artificial light, of any kind,
25 for the purpose of catching herring, under a penalty of ten
26 dollars for each offence. The commissioner of sea and
27 shore fisheries shall insist upon the strict observance of the
28 provisions of this section and enforce the penalties for vio-
29 lation thereof.'