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H. P. 1574

House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Taking of Soft Shelled Clams.

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

Sec. 1. Taking of soft shelled clams regulated. No person, firm or corporation shall dig or have in possession, or offer, or expose for sale soft shelled clams less than 2 inches in the longest diameter, to the amount of more than 15% of any batch in whole or in part. This tolerance of 15% to be determined by numerical count, or by measure of not more than 4 pecks, taken at random from various parts of said lot or batch. Provided, however, that the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries in his discretion may, however, issue permits to persons who wish to take clam seed for the purpose of propagating clams.

Sec. 2. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation who takes or has in his possession or offers for sale soft shelled clams in violation of any of the provisions herein stated, or who neglects to comply with the regulations shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100 for the first offense, and by a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$50 for each subsequent offense.

Sec. 3. Repeal. Chapter 120 of the public laws of 1935 is hereby repealed and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.