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H. P. 1719

House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Donahue of Biddeford.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Closing Clam, Quahaug and Mussel Flats to Digging.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 2, § 52, amended. Section 52 of chapter 2 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 52. Clam, quahaug and mussel flats may be closed to digging on certain conditions; signs to be posted. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries and the commissioner of ~~agriculture~~ **health and welfare**, or either of them, are hereby authorized and directed to use all lawful methods for the investigation and inspection of clam, quahaug and mussel flats on the coast of Maine. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries and the commissioner of ~~agriculture~~ **health and welfare**, or either of them, are hereby empowered to prohibit the digging of clams, quahaugs, or mussels for any purpose in certain flats and on certain shores whenever they find by examination that such flats and shores are contaminated or polluted; and when clams, quahaugs or mussels dug from such contaminated areas are not in conformity with regulations promulgated by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries and the commissioner of ~~agriculture~~ **health and welfare**, or either of them, ~~and the regulations and standards of purity established by the United States public health service, and not acceptable for shipment in interstate commerce.~~ When the digging of clams, quahaugs or

mussels in any area is forbidden by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries and the commissioner of ~~agriculture~~ **health and welfare**, or either of them, they shall cause plain and distinct signs to be posted on the area within which the digging of clams, quahaugs and mussels is forbidden.'