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House of Representatives, February 4, 1941.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lane of Lincoln.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relative to Preserving Smelts for Bait.**

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

**R. S., c. 38, § 29, amended.** Section 29 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended.

'It shall be unlawful to take smelts in any of the inland waters of the state above tide-water for the same period that such waters are closed to all fishing, except as hereinafter provided or under the rules and regulations of the department. During the open season on such waters, smelts may be taken by the use of a dip-net in the usual and ordinary way. No person shall take, kill, catch or have in possession more than 4 quarts of smelts in any 1 day. **Smelts shall not be pickled or preserved for bait purposes. The sale or possession of smelts taken within the state of Maine so pickled or preserved shall be unlawful.** Smelts may be caught with a single hook and line through the ice, only during the open season for fishing on such waters, but they shall not be taken for sale or sold at any time except as hereinafter provided.'