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H. P. 633

House of Representatives, February 9, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Baker of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Taking of Soft-shelled Clams, Quahaugs, or Mussels.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1937, c. 109, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 109 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Taking of soft-shelled clams, quahaugs, or mussels regulated. No person, firm or corporation shall dig or have in possession, or offer, or expose for sale soft-shelled clams, **quahaugs, or mussels** 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. P. L., 1937, c. 109, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 109 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Penalty. Any person, firm, or corporation who takes or has in his possession or offers for sale soft-shelled clams, **quahaugs, or mussels** in violation of any of the provisions herein stated, or who neglects to com-

ply with the regulations shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100 for the 1st offense, and by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$50 for each subsequent offense.'