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S. P. 184

In Senate, February 5, 1947

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Noyes of Hancock.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT For the Better Protection of Herring Weirs in Hancock County.**

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

**Sec. 1. Protection of herring weirs in Hancock county.** No person except the owner of a weir or his crew in charge thereof shall interfere with any weir, or set, use or aid in setting or using any net, seine or device, for taking, disturbing or diverting the natural course of herring, within  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a nautical mile measured on the water from any herring weir in any of the tide-waters of this state within the limits of Hancock county under a penalty of \$100 or 60 days in jail for each offense and a further penalty of \$100 for each and every hour that such net, seine or device shall remain so illegally set or continued to be so used.

All penalties imposed for violations of this act may be recovered by complaint or indictment. If recovered through action by state officials, the whole shall go to the state; if by county officials,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the county and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the state.

**Sec. 2. Definition of weir.** For all purposes of enforcement hereof, a weir is defined to be a fixed structure, built, erected or maintained in tide-water, constructed of spiling or stakes, supporting poles, brush, lath

racks or netting, forming one or more pounds or enclosures into which fish are led or guided by one or more leaders and from which they cannot readily escape.