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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Moffatt of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Alewives in Winnegance Lake in the City of Bath and the Towns of Phippsburg and West Bath.

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

Taking of alewives in Winnegance lake regulated. Exclusive rights in the taking of alewives from Winnegance lake in the city of Bath and the towns of Phippsburg and West Bath shall be optional with the city and towns.

The city of Bath and the towns at their annual meetings may determine by vote whether the alewife fishing in these waters shall be operated by the city and towns, through their municipal officers or a committee or committees appointed for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by said municipal officers or committee or committees; and likewise may provide for regulations, compatible with good conservation practices, to govern the times when and the manner in which alewives shall be taken therein. Provided, however, that there shall be a 24-hour weekly closed season on alewives in all such waters from sunrise on each Saturday morning until sunrise on the following Sunday morning.

Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the municipal officers of the towns of Phippsburg and West

Bath and the city of Bath and a copy of the same filed immediately with the clerks of said towns and city and the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

If in any year said towns and city fail to act as provided for in the preceding paragraph, the taking of alewives in said waters shall be in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of the state and any regulations adopted under authority of this chapter shall be enforced by the municipal officers of the towns of Phippsburg and West Bath and the city of Bath.

If, after thorough investigation, it is the opinion of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries that the towns and city are not following sound conservation principles in their management of the fishery, said commissioner shall notify the city and town officials of his findings and they shall take immediate corrective measures to prevent destruction of the fishery.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any regulations promulgated hereunder shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, or by imprisonment for 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.