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H. P. 1014

House of Representatives, March 2, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Prohibiting the Taking and Use of Herring Under Four Inches in Length.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 24-A, additional. Chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 24-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 24-A. Size of herring. Except for use as bait for fishing, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take from the coastal waters of Maine, or to sell, offer for sale, purchase, transfer in any manner, use, process, dispose of in any way or have in his possession for any purpose whatsoever herring less than 4 inches long, overall length measured from one extreme to another; except that when herring under 4 inches in length are mixed with longer herring and the herring of prohibited size represent less than 25% of the lot taken at any one time, sale or purchase, the foregoing provisions in this paragraph shall not apply. The tolerance of 25% herein set out shall be determined by numerical count of $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of herring for each 500 bushels of herring or fraction thereof, taken at random from various part of said lot. The Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall cooperate in the enforcement of the provisions of this section.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each offense.'