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House of Representatives, January 27, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dudley of Enfield.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Regulating Live Bait for Fishing.

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

**R. S., c. 37, § 63, repealed and replaced.** Section 63 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 63. Live bait for fishing; dealers licensed. It shall be unlawful to sell, use or have in possession, either dead or alive, for use as bait for fishing in the inland waters of this State any pickerel, goldfish, yellow perch, white perch, bass, sunfish, crappie, hornpout, carp or any spiny-finned fish.

It shall be lawful to take minnows usually used as bait for fishing, other than the above named species, for fishing in all the inland waters of the State during the period that such waters are open for fishing, as bait for fishing only in this State, except that the commissioner may grant permits to take minnows for bait purposes from certain waters at any time.

All persons dealing in live bait shall be licensed to do so by the commissioner, and the fee therefor shall be \$5 for each calendar year. The license shall authorize the person holding the same to use the ordinary commercial type minnow seine not to exceed 4 feet in depth by 25 feet in length, in the taking of minnows and other unprotected fish commonly used for bait purposes.

Persons having a bait dealer's license under this section may take smelts in accordance with section 55, and a licensed bait dealer may possess more than 4 quarts of bait at any time providing the taking was legal.

No fish for use as bait for fishing within this State shall be imported from without the State.'