

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS  
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CHAP. 121**Chapter 121.**

An Act regulating the weight of a bushel of Oats.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Weight of a bushel of oats, established.

SECT. 1. The standard weight of a bushel of oats shall be thirty-two pounds instead of the weight now provided by law.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

When act shall take effect.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect September one, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

Approved March 16, 1887.

**Chapter 122.**

An Act to amend section forty-six of chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, to provide for the better protection of Smelts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Sec. 46, ch. 40, R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section forty-six of chapter forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by inserting in the eleventh line of said section, after the word "section," the following words, 'but no smelts caught in such weirs after the first day of April, shall be sold, or offered for sale in this state, nor shall smelts caught in any manner between the first day of April and the first day of October following, be offered for sale, sold, or shipped from the state, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each offence.' Also further amended by striking out the word "twentieth," in the twelfth line, and inserting the word 'twenty-fifth,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Smelts, taking of, restricted.

'SECT. 46. No smelts shall be taken or fished for in tidal waters, except by hook and line, between the first days of April and October, under a penalty of not less than ten, nor more than thirty dollars for each offence, and a further penalty of twenty cents for each smelt so taken, and all weirs for the capture of smelts shall be opened and so remain, and all nets used in the smelt and tom-cod fishery, shall be taken from the water on or before said first day of April, under a penalty of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, and a

further fine of five dollars for each day that any such weir or net remains in violation of law, but weirs with catch pounds covered with net, the meshes of which are one inch square in the clear, or greater, are not subject to this section. But no smelts caught in such weirs after the first day of April, shall be sold or offered for sale in this state, nor shall smelts caught in any manner between the first day of April and the first day of October following, be offered for sale, sold, or shipped from the state under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each offence; provided, however, that dip nets may be used between the first and twenty-fifth days of April; provided, further, that this section does not apply to smelts taken in the Androscoggin river above the Merry Meeting bay bridge, between the first days of October and November, nor to smelts taken in the Penobscot river and its tributaries, between the first and fifteenth days of April.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 16, 1887.

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### Chapter 123.

An Act to establish Local Boards of Health and to protect the people of this State from Contagious Diseases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. There shall be a local board of health in each city and town in this state, to be composed of three members, anything in the charter of such city to the contrary notwithstanding.

Local boards of health, established.

SECT. 2. Their appointment shall be as follows; on the second Monday in April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, the municipal officers in each town shall appoint three persons, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, and thereafter annually before the fifteenth day of April, one person to serve three years, and each to hold office until another is appointed in his stead. Any vacancy arising from any cause, shall be filled at the first meeting thereafter, of the municipal officers. If for any reason, the appointments are not made at said dates, the same shall be made as soon as may be thereafter.

—appointment of.

—tenure of.

—vacancies, how filled.