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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fourth
Legislature

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Chapter 323.

An Act to amend Chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and five, relating to fishing in Thompson pond.

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

Chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and five is hereby amended by striking out all of said chapter and substituting therefor the following:

'Section 1. There shall be an annual close time on Thompson pond, situated in the counties of Oxford, Cumberland and Androscoggin, from September first to January first of the following year, during which time it shall be unlawful to take, catch or kill any kind of fish except black bass. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to the same penalty as is provided in the general law of the state for the illegal fishing for and catching of trout and land-locked salmon.

'Section 2. In all prosecutions arising under this act, municipal and police courts and trial justices, within their respective counties, shall have, upon complaint, original and concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial and superior courts, and all fines, penalties and forfeitures received by any person for any violation of this act, shall be paid forthwith by the person receiving the same to the state treasurer, to be credited to fines and license fees for the protection of birds and game.'

Chapter
264, special
laws, 1905,
amended.

Fishing in
Thompson
pond, to
regulate.

—penalty.

Jurisdic-
tion of
courts.

—fines,
how dis-
posed of.

Approved March 26, 1909.

Chapter 324.

An Act to prohibit the taking of scallops in West Penobscot Bay from April first to October first of each year.

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

Whereas, the scallop beds of Penobscot bay are in grave danger of being exhausted and destroyed by a continuous open time during the coming season, and the public health, peace and safety will be conserved by their immediate protection, be it therefore enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. No person shall take, catch, kill or destroy any scallop, or scallops in the waters of Penobscot bay or its tributaries, from April first to October first of each year, west of a line drawn from Cape Rosier to the north point of North Haven, and following the northwest shore of said North

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Haven to its southwest point, commonly called Crabtree's Point, and thence to the west point of Matinicus and north of a line drawn from said west point of Matinicus to White Head Light.

Penalty for violation of this act.

Section 2. Any person or persons violating the provisions of the foregoing section shall be punished by a fine of one dollar for each scallop so taken, caught, killed or destroyed. Trial justices and judges of police and municipal courts shall have jurisdiction of all offenses under this act. Said fines shall be collected by action of debt.

Section 3. In view of the emergency recited in the foregoing preamble, this act, two thirds of all the members elected to each house so directing, shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1909.

Chapter 325.

An Act to prohibit Gas Companies in the cities of Bangor and Brewer from charging meter rents or making service charges.

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

Charging for use of meter, or for reading same, prohibited.

No corporation manufacturing, selling, supplying, or distributing gas for illuminating or for fuel purposes in the cities of Bangor and Brewer, shall charge, exact, demand or collect directly or indirectly from any consumer thereof, any sum or sums for use or rent of a meter, or for a service charge for reading said meter, or in the sale of gas any sum over and above the rate charged for gas itself, provided, however, that a monthly minimum charge of twenty-five cents may be made against and collected from customers when they consume less gas during said month than would equal said minimum at the regular rate charged.

—proviso.

Approved March 26, 1909.

Chapter 326.

An Act to regulate fishing in Webb's River and tributaries in Franklin County.

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

Fishing in Webb's river and tributaries, to regulate.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to fish for, take, catch or kill any kind of fish at any time in Webb's river, in the county of Franklin, from Goodwin Brothers' mill dam, in Carthage, to the town line between the town of Carthage and the town of Dixfield, or in any of the tributaries to said Webb's river