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## Chapter 49.

### AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Smelts in the Tributaries of Three Mile Pond.

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

R. S., c. 38, sec. 21; relating to the taking of smelts in the tributaries of Three Mile Pond, amended. Section twenty-one of chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "thirty-four" in the twenty-eighth line, on page 662 of the revised statutes the following words: 'except that it shall be lawful to fish therein for smelts in accordance with the general law of the state.'

Approved March 20, 1931.

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## Chapter 50.

### AN ACT Relating to Payment of Damages Done by Dogs or Wild Animals.

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

R. S., c. 5, sec. 166; relating to payment of damages done by dogs and wild animals, amended. Section one hundred sixty-six of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: 'Sec. 166. Payment of damages done by dogs and wild animals; determination of damages; recovery from owner; penalty for keeping dog that kills sheep. Whenever any sheep, lambs or other domestic animals, poultry not included, owned by a resident of this state, are killed or injured by dogs or wild animals, such owner may make complaint thereof to the mayor of the city, or to one of the municipal officers of the town or plantation where such damage was done, within twenty-four hours after he has knowledge of the same, and thereupon the municipal officers shall investigate the complaint, and if satisfied that the said damage was committed by dogs or wild animals within the limit of their city, town, or plantation, they shall estimate the damage thereof according to the full value for which they are kept, whether as breeders or for other purposes, together with the amount of damage or injury to surviving animals, and make returns of their findings together with the estimated damage, within thirty days from the date of investigation, in triplicate, one to go to the town clerk, one to the commissioner of agriculture or his duly authorized agent, and one to the state auditor. If the sheep, lambs or other domestic animals are kept in an unincorporated place, the owner may make complaint to the municipal officers of