AN ACT Relating to Penalty for Taking Clams and Quahogs.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 92, amended. The first 2 sentences of section 92 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'Whoever takes or has in his possession quahogs or saft-shell clams less than 2 inches in the longest diameter, hereinafter referred to as seed quahogs or seed clams, to the amount of more than 10% of any batch or lot shall be punished by a fine of not less than $10 nor more than 25 $50 for the 1st offense; by a fine of not less than $20, nor more than $50, for the 2nd offense; by a fine of not less than $40, nor more than $100, for the 3rd offense; and by a fine of $100 for the 4th and all subsequent offenses. On the 2nd conviction thereof the commissioner may in his discretion suspend the offender's commercial shellfish and marine worm license issued under the provisions of this chapter for a period not to exceed 1 month; on the 3rd conviction for a period not to exceed 3 months; and on the 4th and subsequent conviction for a period not to exceed 1 year.'