

HOUSE No. 1210.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 3, 1900.

The Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred the annual report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries and Game (Pub. Doc. No. 25); report, in part, the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

W. A. BURNHAM.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

AN ACT

To provide for the Better Protection of Trout.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Whoever takes, catches or has in possession, at
2 any time, trout less than six inches in length shall
3 be fined ten dollars for each and every such trout
4 taken, caught or held in possession: *provided,*
5 that this shall not apply to any person engaged in
6 breeding and rearing trout, or to any one who,
7 on taking such trout, immediately returns it alive
8 to the water from which it was taken.