

HOUSE No. 548.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Charles Mayhew and others for legislation to authorize the taking of eggs of gulls and terns during the month of June. Fisheries and Game. Jan. 31.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To authorize the taking of Eggs of the Gull, Sea Swallow and Tern during the Month of June.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter ninety-two, section six of
2 the Public Statutes is hereby amended by insert-
3 ing after the word "jays," in line six, the words:
4 — and the gull, sea swallow and tern during the
5 month of June of each year, — so that said sec-
6 tion shall read as follows: —

7 *Section 6.* Whoever takes or kills any un-
8 domesticated bird not named in the preceding
9 sections, except birds of prey, crows, crow black-
10 birds, jays, wild geese, herons, bitterns, and such

11 fresh water or sea fowl as are not named in the
12 preceding sections, or wilfully destroys, disturbs,
13 or takes a nest of eggs of any undomesticated
14 bird, except birds of prey, crows, crow blackbirds,
15 jays, and the gull, sea swallow and tern during
16 the month of June of each year, shall be punished
17 by fine of ten dollars for each such offence: *pro-*
18 *vided*, that any person above the age of sixteen
19 years, having a certificate from the curator of the
20 Museum of Comparative Zoölogy at Cambridge,
21 the president of the Massachusetts Agricultural
22 College at Amherst, the Boston Society of Nat-
23 ural History, the Worcester Lyceum and Natural
24 History Society, the Peabody Academy of Science
25 at Salem, or from any incorporated society of
26 natural history or college in the state, to the
27 effect that said person is engaged in the scientific
28 study of ornithology, or is making collections in
29 the interests of or for said institutions, or any one
30 of them, may take the nest and eggs of, or at any
31 season of the year may take or kill, any undomes-
32 ticated birds, except those named in section two.

1 SECTION 2. So much of all acts or parts of
2 acts as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby re-
3 pealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.