

HOUSE No. 856.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Louis H. Warner for legislation relative to the size of trout which may be taken lawfully in certain counties. Fisheries and Game. Feb. 4.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

Relative to the Size of Trout which may be taken lawfully in Certain Counties.

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. Section sixty-four of chapter
2 ninety-one of the Revised Laws, as amended by
3 section eleven of chapter five hundred and forty-
4 four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
5 two, is hereby amended by striking out the words
6 "the county of Berkshire nor to," in the eighth
7 line, and by adding at the end of said section the
8 following:—But in the counties of Berkshire,
9 Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire the limit

10 above mentioned shall be five inches instead of
11 six inches, — so as to read as follows: —

12 *Section 64.* Whoever at any time takes, catches
13 or has in possession, or whoever sells or offers or
14 exposes for sale in this Commonwealth, trout less
15 than six inches in length shall forfeit ten dollars
16 for each such trout taken, caught, held in posses-
17 sion, sold or offered or exposed for sale; but the
18 provisions of this section shall not affect the pro-
19 visions of section twenty-eight, nor shall they
20 apply to a person who is engaged in breeding or
21 rearing trout or to any person who, upon taking
22 such trout, immediately returns it alive to the
23 water from which it was taken. But in the
24 counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and
25 Hampshire the limit above mentioned shall be five
26 inches instead of six inches.

1 SECTION 2. Section eleven of said chapter five
2 hundred and forty-four is hereby repealed.

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