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Bill accompanying the petition of George N. Besse and another relative to the artificial propagation of alewives. Fisheries and Game. January 13.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

**AN ACT**

To encourage the Artificial Propagation of Alewives.

*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. The commissioners on fish and game may  
2 lease for a term of years, in such great ponds of the com-  
3 monwealth as may be designated, the right to use the  
4 waters of such great ponds for the artificial propagation of  
5 alewives, and the right to take therefrom alewives so  
6 propagated.

1 SECTION 2. The lessee of such rights shall not take  
2 from such waters any fish other than alewives, and, in  
3 event that such other fish are taken under circumstances  
4 that cannot be reasonably avoided, such fish shall be  
5 returned immediately to the waters from which they were  
6 taken.

1 SECTION 3. Whoever takes, kills or hauls on shore any  
 2 herring or alewives in a fishery created by the provisions  
 3 of this act, without the permission of the lessee or lessees,  
 4 shall forfeit not less than five nor more than fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.