

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 77.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-THREE.

AN ACT for the protection of lobsters.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. There shall be a close time for lob-
2 sters from the fifteenth day of August to the fif-
3 teenth day of November, in each year, during which
4 close time no lobster shall be fished for, taken,
5 caught, killed, bought, sold, exposed for sale or in
6 possession, in cars, pounds or otherwise, under a
7 penalty of fifty dollars for the offence, and one
8 dollar for each and every lobster so taken, caught,
9 killed, bought, sold, exposed for sale or in posses-
10 sion as aforesaid.

SECT. 2. It shall be unlawful to fish for, catch,
2 buy, sell, expose for sale or possess for canning

3 purposes, or otherwise, between the first day of
4 April and the first day of August of each year,
5 any female lobster in spawn or with eggs attached,
6 or any young lobster less than nine inches in length,
7 measuring from head to tail exclusive of claws or
8 feelers; and when caught they shall be liberated
9 alive at the risk and cost of the party taking said
10 lobsters, under a penalty of one dollar for each and
11 every lobster so caught, bought, sold, exposed for
12 sale, in possession or unliberated.

SECT. 3. The penalties imposed by this act may
2 be recovered in the manner provided by section
3 twenty-six of chapter seventy-five of the public
4 laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 9, 1883. }

Reported by Mr. REED, from Committee on Fisheries and
Game, and ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*