

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty - Second Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 38.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend chapter forty of the Revised  
Statutes, relating to Fish and Fisheries.

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

SECTION 1. Section nineteen of chapter forty of  
2 the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so that as  
3 amended it shall read as follows:

‘SECT. 19. There shall be a close time for lobsters  
5 between the fifteenth day of August and the first  
6 day of October, during which no lobster shall be  
7 fished for, taken, caught, killed, bought, sold, ex-  
8 posed for sale or in possession, in cars, pounds or  
9 otherwise, under a penalty of fifty dollars for the  
10 offence and one dollar for every lobster so taken,

11 caught, killed, bought, sold, exposed for sale or in  
12 possession as aforesaid.’

SECT. 2. Section twenty of said chapter is here-  
2 by amended so that as amended it shall read as  
3 follows:

‘SECT. 20. No person or corporation shall can or  
5 preserve any lobsters between the fifteenth day of  
6 July and the first day of the following April, under  
7 a penalty of five dollars for every lobster so canned  
8 or preserved and a further penalty of three hun-  
9 dred dollars for each day on which such unlawful  
10 canning or preserving is done.’

SECT. 3. Section twenty-one of said chapter is  
2 hereby amended so that as amended it shall read  
3 as follows:

‘SECT. 21. It is unlawful to fish for, catch, buy,  
5 sell, expose for sale or possess, between the first  
6 day of October and the fifteenth day of the follow-  
7 ing August, any female lobster in spawn or with  
8 eggs attached, or any young lobster less than ten  
9 and one-half inches in length, measuring from head  
10 to tail, extended, exclusive of claws or feelers, and  
11 such lobsters when caught shall be liberated alive  
12 at the risk and cost of the party taking them, under  
13 a penalty of one dollar for each lobster so caught,  
14 bought, sold, exposed for sale or in possession not

15 so liberated. *Provided, however,* that from the  
16 first day of April to the fifteenth day of July it  
17 shall be lawful to fish for, catch, buy, sell, expose  
18 for sale or possess for canning and all other pur-  
19 poses any lobsters not less than nine inches in  
20 length, measured as aforesaid, but not including  
21 female lobsters in spawn or with eggs attached.'

SECT. 4. Section thirty-three of said chapter is  
2 hereby amended so that as amended said section  
3 shall read as follows:

'SECT. 33. The governor, with the advice and  
5 consent of council, shall appoint one or two per-  
6 sons, as they think best, to be commissioners of  
7 fisheries and game, who shall have a general super-  
8 vision of the fisheries regulated by the following  
9 sections and of the game laws. Said commission-  
10 ers shall examine dams and all other obstructions  
11 existing in all rivers and streams and determine  
12 the necessity of fish-ways and the location, form  
13 and capacity thereof, visit those sections where  
14 fisheries regulated by this chapter are carried on,  
15 and introduce and disseminate valuable species of  
16 fish into waters where they do not exist. The  
17 governor, with the advice and consent of council,  
18 shall also appoint one other commissioner, who  
19 shall have general supervision of the sea and shore

20 fisheries and shell fish regulated by this chapter.  
21 Said commissioners shall hold office for three years  
22 unless sooner removed. They shall examine into  
23 the workings of the fish and game laws, see that  
24 violations thereof are duly prosecuted and perform  
25 all other duties prescribed by law. They shall re-  
26 port annually, on or before the thirty-first day of  
27 December, to the governor, who shall cause three  
28 thousand copies to be printed.'

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE CHAMBER, }  
February 9, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. KIMBALL, from Committee on Fisheries and Game,  
and laid on table to be printed under joint rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*