

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 300

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to amend Section seventeen of Chapter forty-one of
the Revised Statutes, relating to measurement of lobsters.

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

Section 1. Section seventeen of Chapter forty-one of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the
3 word "catch" in the first line thereof; also by striking out the
4 words "ten and one-half" in the second line thereof and
5 inserting in their place the words 'four and three-fourths;'
6 also by striking out the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth lines
7 and the words "stretching or pulling" in the ninth line and

8 inserting in their place the following words: 'end of the bone
9 of the nose to the center of the rear end of the body shell,'
10 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 17. No person shall buy or sell, give away or expose
12 for sale or possess for any purpose any lobster less than
13 four and three-fourths inches in length, alive or dead, cooked
14 or uncooked, measured in manner as follows: taking the
15 length of the back of the lobster measured from the end of
16 the bone of the nose to the center of the rear end of the body
17 shell; and any lobster shorter than the prescribed length when
18 caught shall be liberated alive at the risk and cost of the par-
19 ties taking them, under a penalty of one dollar for each lob-
20 ster so caught, bought, sold, given away, or exposed for sale
21 or in possession. The possession of mutilated lobsters, cooked
22 or uncooked, shall be prima facie evidence that they are not
23 of the required length. All lobsters or parts of lobsters
24 sold for use in this state or for export therefrom must be
25 sold and delivered in the shell under a penalty of twenty
26 dollars for each offense, and whoever ships, buys, gives
27 away sells or exposes for sale lobster meat after the same
28 shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a pen-
29 alty of one dollar for each pound of meat so bought, sold,
30 given away, exposed for sale or shipped. Any person or cor-
31 poration in the business of a common carrier of merchandise,
32 who shall knowingly carry or transport from place to place
33 lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the
34 shell shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars upon each con-

35 viction thereof. All lobster meat so illegally bought, shipped,
36 sold, given away, exposed for sale or transported shall be
37 liable to seizure and may be confiscated. Nothing con-
38 tained herein shall be held to prohibit the sale of lobsters
39 that have been legally canned.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 25, 1907.

Reported by Mr. ORAM from Committee on Shore Fisheries, and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*