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and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Crabs.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. License must be obtained.** No person, firm or corporation shall, either by themselves, their agents, servants or by any other agency, directly or indirectly, at any time, catch, take or hold any crabs taken from the waters of this state, except for the immediate consumption by himself and family, without first obtaining a license therefor as hereinafter provided; nor shall such person, firm or corporation, either by agency or otherwise, set, keep, maintain or use or cause or permit to be used any pot, trap, trawl or any other contrivance owned or controlled by him in whole or in part, designed or adapted for the catching or taking of crabs, without such license.

**Sec. 2. Penalty.** Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate the provisions of this act, shall be punished as provided in section 72 of chapter 2 of the public laws of 1933.

**Sec. 3. Fee.** The commissioner shall grant and issue licenses for the catching of crabs to such persons, except as herein otherwise provided, who may make written application therefor on blanks furnished by said com-

missioner, but no license shall be issued to any applicant unless all questions asked or information sought or called for in said application shall have been completed to the satisfaction of the commissioner.

**Sec. 4. Marking of contrivances used for catching crabs.** The provisions of section 85 of chapter 2 of the public laws of 1933 and amendments and additions thereto and references therein, so far as the same apply to the manner of marking any contrivance for the catching of lobsters, shall also apply to the taking of crabs under the provisions of this act; and the penalties and forfeitures for the violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be the same as provided under said section 85 of chapter 2 of the public laws of 1933.

**Sec. 5. Establishment of residence.** No license shall be granted for the catching of crabs to any person whose residence in the state of Maine for a period of 10 years, as provided in section 73 of chapter 2 of the public laws of 1933, as amended by chapter 199 of the public laws of 1933, is not first established to the satisfaction of the commissioner.

**Sec. 6. Exception.** No person holding a license for the catching of lobsters shall be required to comply with the provisions of this act.