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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1301

H. P. 966

House of Representatives, February 17, 1965

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lent of Scarborough.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Providing Additional Fee for Lobster Licenses for Conservation in the
Lobster Industry.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 4302, sub-§ 6, amended. The first sentence of subsection 6 of section 4302 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘The fee for a wholesale seafood dealer’s and processor’s license is ~~\$35~~ \$75.’

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 4404, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 4404 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘5. **License fee.** The fee for a lobster and crab fishing license is ~~\$70~~ \$50 which the applicant shall enclose with his application. **The licensee shall be entitled to employ one crew member to assist him, provided said crew member is a resident of the State.**’

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, c. 417, sub-c. IV, Art. 1-A, additional. Subchapter IV of chapter 417 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new Article 1-A, to read as follows:

‘ARTICLE 1-A. LOBSTER COUNCIL

§ 4421. Lobster council

The Maine Lobster Council is created and shall consist of 7 members to be appointed by the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries. Five members of said council shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of at least 4 members shall be necessary for the transaction of all business and the carrying

out of the duties of the council. Such members shall be representatives of lobster fishermen and dealers.

Regular appointments shall be for a term of 5 years and each member shall serve until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. In the case of a vacancy caused by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled promptly by the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries for the unexpired period of the term.

The members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. They are authorized to select and employ an executive secretary to administer the research and development program, in concurrence with the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries, and fix his salary. The executive secretary, with the consent of the council, is authorized, subject to the Personnel Law, to engage sufficient clerical personnel and other employees for the efficient performance of his duties.

§ 4422. Use of money received

Forty dollars of the license fee received under section 4302, subsection 6 and section 4404, subsection 5 shall be appropriated and used for the following purposes:

1. Council. For the expenses of the Lobster Council;
2. Matching funds. For the purpose of matching funds apportioned to the State of Maine by the Federal Government to carry on research and development of lobsters.