

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1142**

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H. P. 855

House of Representatives, February 23, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewis of Bristol.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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### AN ACT to Increase Penalties for Certain Sea and Shore Fisheries Laws.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, § 4451, sub-§ 4, ¶ A, amended.** Paragraph A of subsection 4 of section 4451 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**A.** And whoever does so shall be punished by a fine of \$25 for each such lobster involved, or by a fine of not more than ~~\$100~~ \$1,000 if the number of lobsters cannot be determined, or by imprisonment for 90 days, or by both.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 12, § 4459, sub-§ 2, amended.** Subsection 2 of section 4459 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

**2. Penalty.** Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of ~~\$10~~ \$25 for each lobster involved, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 4504, amended.** Section 4504 of Title 12 the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

#### § 4504. General penalty

Whoever violates any provision of chapters 401 to 417, or any regulation authorized by chapters 401 to 417, or any rule and regulation authorized by the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 38, or any regulation adopted by the commissioner by legislative directive, excepting only those violations for which specific penalties are provided, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$10~~ \$25 nor more than ~~\$300~~ \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 12, § 4551, sub-§ 3, amended.** Subsection 3 of section 4551 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 8 of chapter 431 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

**3. Penalty.** Whoever violates any provision of subsection 2 shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~\$25~~ \$100 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is reflected in the title. The penalties that were established many years ago no longer act as a deterrent in our affluent society.