

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 54.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO.

AN ACT to protect the spawn or egg lobsters in the waters of Maine.

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

SECTION 1. All persons are hereby forbidden catching and offering for sale, or buying, any egg or spawn lobsters.

SECT. 2. Any person upon drawing their nets or traps, and finding any such lobsters shall at once let them go without injury.

SECT. 3. Any person violating this provision shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars for each lobster taken, bought or sold.

SECT. 4. All vessels, boats, craft and apparatus of every kind, having on board any such lobsters, shall

3 be liable for any fines and costs herein provided for,
4 and any person may seize and detain said property
5 not exceeding twenty-four hours, in order that it may
6 be attached and taken by due process of law, to satisfy
7 any judgment that may be recovered, but it shall, at
8 any time be released on payment, by the owner or
9 master, of the fine, costs and reasonable expenses.

SECT. 5. The penalty aforesaid may be recovered in
2 an action of debt, half to the person suing therefor
3 and half to the town where the offence is committed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 12, 1872. }

Reported from the Committee on Fisheries, by Mr. WHITMORE,
and printed under the Rules.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*