

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 30.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the better protection of lobsters in the waters
of Maine.

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

SECTION 1. No person shall catch, preserve, sell, or
2 expose for sale, within the limits of the State of
3 Maine, any lobsters, between the first day of August
4 and the first day of November of each year ; and
5 from the said first day of November to the first day of
6 April next following of each year, no lobster shall be
7 so caught, preserved, sold, or exposed for sale, under
8 ten and one-half inches in length, measuring from one
9 extreme of the body to the other, exclusive of claws
10 or feelers ; but from the said first day of April to the
11 said first day of August, of each year, there shall be

12 no such restriction, nor any restriction, as to time, or
13 size, in the taking, preserving, selling, or exposing for
14 sale such fish.

SECT. 2. Any person violating any provision of the
2 above section shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars
3 for every such lobster so caught, used, sold, or exposed
4 for sale, as aforesaid, one half to the person making
5 the complaint and one half to the use of the town in
6 which the offence is committed.

SECT. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with
2 this act, and especially chapter twenty of the public
3 laws of this state, approved February twenty, in the
4 year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and seventy-two,
5 are hereby repealed.

· STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, February 11, 1874.

Reported from Committee on Fisheries, by Mr. WHITMORE of Hancock, and on motion of Mr. EMERY, laid on the table to be printed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*