

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE

No. 41.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the protection of lobsters.

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

SECTION 1. No person or corporation shall can
2 or preserve any lobsters within the limits of this
3 state from the first day of August to the first day
4 of April following, under a penalty of five dollars
5 for every lobster so canned or preserved, and a fur-
6 ther penalty of three hundred dollars for each and
7 every day on which such canning or preserving is
8 done by said person or corporation from the said
9 first day of August to the said first of April fol-
10 lowing.

SECT. 2. No lobster of less size than ten and one-
2 half inches in length, measuring from one extreme

3 of the body to the other, exclusive of feelers and
4 claws, shall be sold or exposed for sale from the
5 first day of August to the first day of April follow-
6 ing, under a penalty of five dollars for each and
7 every lobster so sold or exposed for sale.

SECT. 3. The penalties under this act may be
2 recovered by indictment or action of debt, one-half
3 thereof to go to the person making the complaint
4 or bringing the action, and one-half to the use of
5 the town in which the offence is committed.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with this act, are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 1, 1879. }

Reported from the Committee on Fisheries, by Mr. VICKERY
of Augusta, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*