

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 86.

[NEW DRAFT.]

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

AN ACT for the protection of Lobster Traps.

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

Whoever takes up, or attempts to take up, or in
2 any way knowingly and willfully interferes with
3 any lobster trap, while set for use, in the season in
4 which it is lawful to prosecute the lobster fishery,
5 without the authority of the owners thereof, shall
6 be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor
7 more than fifty dollars, to be recovered by in-
8 dictment or an action of debt, one-half to
9 the complainant and one-half to the county
10 where such proceedings are commenced;

11 *provided*, however, that no action shall be main-
12 tained under this act unless the name of the owner
13 of all such traps shall be carved or branded in
14 legible letters, not less than three-fourths of an
15 inch in length, on all the buoys connected with
16 such traps.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }
February 13, 1885. }

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HINCKLEY; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*