

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 61.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND NINETY-THREE.

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AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and ninety-two of  
the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine ; and  
chapter seventy-six of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred  
and ninety-one, all relating to Lobsters.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and  
2 ninety-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and  
3 eighty-nine is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

‘Section 1. It is unlawful to destroy, buy, sell, expose  
5 for sale or possess any female lobster in spawn or with  
6 eggs attached, at any season of the year, under a penalty,  
7 for each lobster so destroyed, caught, bought, sold,

8 exposed for sale or possessed, of ten dollars ; or imprison-  
9 ment in the county jail not less than one nor more than  
10 three months. The possession of mutilated, uncooked  
11 lobsters shall be *prima facie* evidence that they are not of  
12 the required length.'

SECT. 2. Section two of chapter two hundred and  
2 ninety-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and  
3 eighty-nine is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

'Section 2. It is unlawful to catch, buy or sell, or  
5 expose for sale, or possess for any purposes, any lobster  
6 less than ten and one-half inches in length, alive or dead,  
7 cooked or uncooked, measured in manner as follows :  
8 Taking the length of the back of the lobster, measured  
9 from the bone of the nose to the end of the bone of  
10 the middle flipper of the tail, the length to be taken  
11 with the lobster extended on the back its natural length,  
12 and any lobster shorter than the prescribed length when  
13 caught, shall be liberated alive at the risk and cost of the  
14 parties taking them, under a penalty, for each lobster  
15 caught, bought, sold, exposed for sale, or in possession,  
16 not so liberated, one dollar ; or imprisonment in the county  
17 jail for not less than one nor more than three months ;  
18 and in all prosecutions under this section the possession  
19 of any lobster not of the required length shall be *prima*  
20 *facie* evidence to convict.'

SECT. 3. Section three of chapter two hundred and  
2 ninety-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and  
3 eighty-nine is hereby repealed, and the following substi-

4 tuted therefor, so that said section three shall read as fol-  
5 lows :

‘Section 3. Any person who shall buy, sell or expose  
7 for sale, or have in possession, any pickled lobster shall be  
8 punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by  
9 imprisonment in the county jail not less than one, nor  
10 more than three months.’

SECT. 4. Section four of chapter two hundred and  
2 ninety-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and  
3 eighty-nine, as amended by chapter seventy-six of the  
4 Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one is here-  
5 by repealed, and the following substituted therefor, so  
6 that said section four shall read as follows :

‘Section 4. All contraband dead fish seized under any  
8 of the fishery laws by any warden in the performance of  
9 his duties shall, by the said warden, be destroyed before  
10 witnesses, or given away to actual consumers for personal  
11 use.’

## MAJORITY REPORT.

The majority of the committee on Shore Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of A. J. Kennedy and others praying that the existing law relating to the taking of lobsters be modified and amended, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

SPOFFORD,  
—of the Senate.

THURLOW,  
COOK,  
HUNT,  
ROSS,  
LAWRENCE,  
—of the House.

## MINORITY REPORT.

The minority of the committee on Shore Fisheries, to whom was referred the petition of A. J. Kennedy and others, praying that the existing law relating to the taking of lobsters be modified and amended, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report a bill which is herewith submitted, entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 292 of the Public Laws of 1889, and Chapter 76 of the Public Laws of 1891, all relating to Lobsters."

SWANTON, of the Senate.

FERGUSON, of the House.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 15, 1893.

Pending acceptance, laid on the table to be printed, on motion by Mr. SWANTON of Sagadahoc.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*