

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 262

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT for the protection of lobsters with eggs attached.

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

Section 1. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries is
2 hereby authorized and empowered to purchase at a rate not
3 exceeding twenty-five per cent above the market price, lob-
4 sters with eggs attached caught along the coast of Maine.
5 Whoever catches any such lobsters with eggs attached may
6 safely store the same in lobster cars or sections of cars used
7 for that purpose only, and may keep them separate from other
8 lobsters until such time as the said commissioner or some

9 person or persons designated by him can gather and pay for
10 them. Said commissioner and his agent shall liberate them
11 in the vicinity of the location where they were caught; or he
12 may at his discretion sell any portion or all of them to the
13 officer in charge of the United States fish hatchery for arti-
14 ficial propagation, the proceeds to be applied to the appropri-
15 ation made for the enforcement of this act.

Sect. 2. The sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars,
2 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropri-
3 ated for carrying out the provisions of this act in the year
4 nineteen hundred and three, and five thousand dollars for the
5 year nineteen hundred and four, to be used at the discretion
6 of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 20, 1903.

Reported by Mr. BURNS from Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*