

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 46

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Section seventeen of Chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred and three as amended by Chapter forty-nine of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and seven, relating to Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section seventeen of Chapter forty-one of the
2 Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred and three as amended
3 by Chapter forty-nine of the Public Laws of nineteen hun-
4 dred and seven is hereby further amended by inserting after
5 the word "be" in the eighth line the word "immediately;"
6 by inserting after the word "ships" in the fifteenth line the
7 words "transports, carries;" by striking out after the word
8 "so" in the eighteenth line the words "bought, sold, given

9 away, exposed for sale or shipped” and inserting in place
10 thereof the words “shipped, transported, carried, bought,
11 given away, sold or exposed for sale;” by striking out after
12 the word “illegally” in the twenty-fourth line the words
13 “bought, shipped, sold, given away, exposed for sale or trans-
14 ported” and inserting in place thereof the words “shipped,
15 transported, carried, bought, given away, sold or exposed for
16 sale,” so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Section 17. No person shall buy or sell, give away or ex-
18 pose for sale or possess for any purpose any lobster less than
19 four and three-fourths inches in length, alive or dead, cooked
20 or uncooked, measured in manner as follows: Taking the
21 length of the back of the lobster measured from the end of
22 the bone of the nose to the center of the rear end of the body
23 shell; and any lobster shorter than the prescribed length
24 when caught shall be immediately liberated alive at the risk
25 and cost of the parties taking them, under a penalty of one
26 dollar for each lobster so caught, bought, sold, given away,
27 or exposed for sale or in possession. The possession of
28 mutilated lobsters, cooked or uncooked, shall be prima facie
29 evidence that they are not of the required length. All lob-
30 sters or parts of lobsters sold for use in this State or for
31 export therefrom must be sold and delivered in the shell
32 under a penalty of twenty dollars for each offense, and who-
33 ever ships, transports, carries, buys, gives away, sells or
34 exposes for sale lobster meat after the same shall have been
35 taken from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of one dollar

36 for each pound of meat so shipped, transported, carried,
37 bought, given away, sold or exposed for sale. Any person
38 or corporation in the business of a common carrier of mer-
39 chandise, who shall knowingly carry or transport from place
40 to place lobster meat after the same shall have been taken
41 from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars upon
42 each conviction thereof. All lobster meat so illegally ship-
43 ped, transported, carried, bought, given away, sold or ex-
44 posed for sale shall be liable to seizure and may be con-
45 fiscated. Nothing contained herein shall be held to prohibit
46 the sale of lobsters that have been legally canned.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 29, 1909.

Reported by Mr. KELLEY from Committee on Shore Fisheries and ordered printed and recommitted.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*