

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 78

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to repeal Chapter 352 of the Private and Special  
Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to prohibit the taking of  
lobsters in Hancock County."

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Whereas, Chapter 352 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to prohibit the taking of lobsters in Hancock County," which act prohibits the taking of lobsters during certain winter months in said county, has resulted in great hardship; many fishermen in the coast towns of Hancock County are by its operation deprived of their only means of making a livelihood, and they and their families are on this account suffering privation and distress; and whereas, said Chapter 352 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907 is not

necessary for the proper and adequate protection of the lobster industry;

An emergency therefore exists, within the meaning of section 16, part third, article IV, of the Constitution of Maine, as amended, and the repeal of said Chapter 352 is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; therefore,

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

Section 1. Chapter 352 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to prohibit the taking of lobsters in Hancock County," is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. This act, being an emergency act, within the meaning of the Constitution, shall take effect when approved by the Governor.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 4, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BOWLEY from Committee on Shore Fisheries and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*