

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 317

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
16 for sale,” so that said section as amended shall read as fol-
17 lows:

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

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 25, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*