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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 101

House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Mitchell of Kittery, who moved its reference to the Committee on Shore Fisheries. By him tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for the better Protection of Lobster Fisheries.

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

Section 1. No person shall engage in or follow the occupa-

- 2 tion of lobster fishing in this State unless he shall first obtain
- 3 a license therefor from the Commissioner of Sea and Shore
- 4 Fisheries, which license shall be issued in such form as said
- 5 Commissioner shall from time to time establish and to such
- 6 persons as shall have been a bona fide resident of this State
- 7 for at least one year, and shall be valid until revoked by said
- 8 Commissioner or surrendered as hereinafter provided.
 - Sect. 2. The Commissioner may revoke any license held by
- 2 any person convicted of a violation of the general statute or

- 3 any law concerning the taking or sale of lobsters, which
- 4 license shall be immediately surrendered by the holder to the
- 5 Commissioner or his lawful representative and no license
- 6 shall be issued to said person during the period for which
- 7 said revoked license was issued.
- Sect. 3. Every person who violates the provisions of Sec-
- 2 tion one of this act shall be fined not less than fifty dollars,
- 3 or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both, and every
- 4 person who neglects or refuses to surrender his license as
- 5 provided in Section two shall be fined not less than twenty-
- 6 five dollars, and any boats, pots, tackle and apparatus used by
- 7 any person in lobster fishing in violation of the provisions of
- 8 this act, may be seized and confiscated.
- Sect. 4. Every person who receives a license under the
- 2 provisions of this act shall pay to the Commissioner of Sea
- 3 and Shore Fisheries one dollar therefor, and the same shall
- 4 not be transferable, and shall be valid until July first next
- 5 following the date of issue. It shall be produced for exami-
- 6 nation upon demand of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore
- 7 Fisheries and his duly authorized deputies. Failure or re-
- 8 fusal to produce such license upon such demand shall con-
- 9 stitute a violation of this act.
- Sect. 5. All moneys received by the Commissioner of Sea
- 2 and Shore Fisheries under this act shall be paid by him to the
- 3 State Treasurer and shall become and made a part of the ap-
- 4 propriation for Sea and Shore Fisheries.