

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 896

House of Representatives, March 18, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Jameson of Friendship tabled pending acceptance of report and ordered printed and Tuesday assigned.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to regulate the shipment of Lobsters by shippers with
an established place of business.

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

Section 1. Every person, firm, association or corporation,
2 that has an established place of business in this state for
3 shipping lobsters shall, within thirty days after the enact-
4 ment of this law, notify the commissioner of sea and shore
5 fisheries of the location of the place of business from which
6 said lobsters are to be shipped, where said lobsters are kept
7 before packing, by what carrier the shipments are made and
8 the customary times of shipments, and any person, firm,

9 association or corporation that hereafter opens a place of
10 business for shipping lobsters, or shall change said place of
11 business after once it is established, shall thirty days before
12 shipping any lobster therefrom notify the commissioner
13 of such location or change of location, together with the
14 information of how said lobsters are to be kept before
15 packing, by what carrier the shipments are to be made and
16 the customary hours of said shipments.

Sect. 2. Whenever the commissioner of sea and shore fish-
2 eries shall receive the notice referred to in section one, it
3 shall be his duty, if arrangements can be made with said
4 person, firm, association or corporation for the suitable in-
5 spection of lobsters before shipment therefrom, to inspect
6 such lobsters before shipment, but before such arrange-
7 ments are made all lobsters shall be subject to examination
8 in transit.

Sect. 3. All lobsters to be shipped shall be packed in bar-
2 rels, boxes, or packages marked with the word "Lobsters,"
3 in capital letters at least one inch in length, together with
4 the full name of the shipper, and said marking shall be
5 placed in a plain and legible manner on the outside of said
6 barrels, boxes, or other packages.

Sect. 4. All lobsters so packed shall be open for the in-
2 spection of the commissioner or his wardens, at or before
3 the time of the packing thereof, but after the same are
4 packed and marked, as required by section three, and by
5 the shipper delivered to the transportation company the

6 said barrels, boxes, or packages shall not be opened for in-
7 spection by any one without the consent of the shipper.

Sect. 5. Every person, firm, association, or corporation
2 that ships lobsters without having the barrels, boxes, or
3 other packages in which the same are contained marked, as
4 before prescribed, shall upon conviction be punished by a
5 fine of twenty-five dollars, and upon subsequent conviction
6 thereof by a fine of fifty dollars, and any person, or cor-
7 poration in the business of common carrier of merchandise,
8 who shall carry or transport from place to place lobsters
9 in barrels, boxes, or other packages not so marked, shall be
10 liable to a penalty of fifty dollars on conviction thereof.

Sect. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the pro-
2 visions of this act are hereby repealed.