

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 925

House of Representatives, March 24, 1915.

Introduced under suspension of rules by Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro. Read twice and on motion of Mr. Plummer of Lisbon tabled for printing pending third reading.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT for the better protection and preservation of the
Lobster Fisheries, authorizing the appointment of a Com-
mission.

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

Section 1. The governor and council are hereby author-
2 ized to appoint a commission, consisting of three suitable
3 and competent men who are familiar with the lobster indus-
4 try, to confer with the United States Department of Com-
5 merce and Labor and with similar commissions from other
6 states or with legislative committees of other states or de-
7 partment heads of other states having the lobster industry
8 under their charge, with the purpose in view of determining

9 what legislative and federal regulation should be adopted
10 for the best interest of the lobster industry in all states
11 where lobsters are caught; and that their findings shall be
12 reported to the next legislature.

Sect. 2. That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum
2 of \$1500 annually for this year and a similar amount for
3 next year to defray the expense of the commission hereby
4 created.

Sect. 3. Whereas it appears that an emergency exists for
2 carrying into effect the provisions of section one of this act,
3 this act will take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Whereas there is at present no uniformity of law regulating the lobster industry among the various states; and whereas our own industry suffers greatly as a result of this lack of uniformity, from depredations made into our lobster supply by those who benefit at the expense of our own people, it is extremely desirable that such laws be adopted by the several states as will give the highest degree of protection to the supply that is compatible with the successful commercial prosecution of the fishery, and that every reasonable effort be made to correct this undesirable condition.