

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 293

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bowman of Vinalhaven.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section thirty-six of chapter forty-five of
the Revised Statutes, relating to Seed Lobsters.

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

Section 1. Section thirty-six of chapter forty-five of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the
3 whole of said section, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following:

'Section 1. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries
2 shall purchase at the rate of fifteen per cent above market
3 price, lobsters with eggs attached, caught in the waters of

4 this state. Whoever catches any lobsters with eggs at-
5 tached shall safely store the same in lobster cars, or traps
6 used for that purpose only, and shall keep them separate
7 from other lobsters until such time as the commissioner or
8 some person or persons designated by him can gather and
9 pay for them. The commissioner or his agent shall liberate
10 them in the vicinity where they were caught, after having
11 marked such lobsters by punching a hole in the middle
12 flipper. Such lobsters shall be deemed the property of the
13 state, and, if again caught immediately be returned to the
14 waters by the person catching them.'

Sect. 2. The possession of any such marked lobster or
2 mutilated lobster shall be deemed prima facie evidence of
3 violation of this chapter.

Sect. 3. Any person violating this chapter shall be fined
2 fifty dollars.

Sect. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed.