

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 420

House of Representatives, Feb. 27, 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. Harman of Stonington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 45, Section 35 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relating to the measurement of lobsters.

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

Beginning at the third line and second word of Chapter 45,
2 Section 35, "four and three-fourths" shall be struck out and
3 in the place thereof insert the words 'four and five-eighths'
4 so that Section 35 when amended shall read as follows:

'No person shall buy or sell, give away or expose for sale
2 or possess for any purpose any lobster less than four and
3 five-eighths inches in length, alive or dead, cooked or un-

4 cooked, measured in manner as follows: Taking the length of
5 the back of the lobster measured from the end of the bone
6 of the nose to the center of the rear end of the body shell; and
7 any lobster shorter than the prescribed length when caught
8 shall be immediately liberated alive at the risk and cost of the
9 parties taking them, under a penalty of one dollar for each
10 lobster so caught, bought, sold, given away, or exposed for
11 sale or in possession. The possession of mutilated lobsters,
12 cooked or uncooked, shall be prima facie evidence that they
13 are not of the required length. All lobsters or parts of lob-
14 sters sold for use in this state or for export therefrom must
15 be sold and delivered in the shell, under a penalty of twenty
16 dollars for each offense; and whoever ships, transports, car-
17 ries, buys, gives away, sells or exposes for sale lobster meat
18 after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall be
19 liable to a penalty of one dollar for each pound of meat so
20 shipped, transported, carried, bought, given away, sold or
21 exposed for sale. Any person or corporation in the business
22 of a common carrier of merchandise, who shall knowingly
23 carry or transport from place to place lobster meat after the
24 same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a
25 penalty of fifty dollars upon each conviction thereof. All
26 lobster meat so illegally shipped, transported, carried, bought
27 given away, sold or exposed for sale shall be liable to seizure
28 and may be confiscated. Nothing contained herein shall be
29 held to prohibit the sale of lobsters that have been legally
30 canned.'

This Act shall become a law when the governor and council
2 are satisfied that the same law has become effective in the
3 states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New
4 York.