

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 703

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*House of Representatives, March 28, 1917.*

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*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Marking Lobsters in Transit.

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

Section 1. Section forty of chapter forty-five of the Re-  
2 vised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole  
3 of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

'Sect. 40. Whenever the commissioner shall receive from  
2 any person, firm, association or corporation that now has or  
3 hereafter may open such place of business, or may change  
4 said place of business after once it is established, the notice  
5 referred to in the preceding section, he shall, if in his judg-  
6 ment it is practicable to do so, arrange with said person, firm,

7 association or corporation for the suitable inspection of  
8 lobsters before shipment from said place of business, and  
9 cause such lobsters to be inspected; but unless such arrange-  
10 ments are made all lobsters shall be subject to examination  
11 in transit.'

Sect. 2. Section forty-two of said chapter forty-five is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "thereof" in  
3 the second line the words 'and if inspected each barrel, box  
4 or package containing lobsters so inspected shall bear some  
5 mark to be prescribed by the commissioner indicative of such  
6 inspection;,' by inserting after the word "section" in the third  
7 line the words 'if bearing the mark indicative of inspection  
8 prescribed by the commissioner;,' by inserting after the word  
9 "marked" in the eighth line the words 'as required by the  
10 provisions of the preceding section;,' and by striking out the  
11 word "less" in the ninth and tenth lines and inserting in lieu  
12 thereof the word 'other' so that said section as amended shall  
13 read as follows:

'Sect. 42. All lobsters so packed shall be open to the in-  
2 spection of the commissioner or his wardens, at or before  
3 the time of the packing thereof, and if inspected, each barrel,  
4 box or package containing lobsters so inspected shall bear  
5 some mark to be prescribed by the commissioner indicative  
6 of such inspection; but after the same are packed and  
7 marked, as required by the preceding section, if bearing the  
8 mark indicative of inspection prescribed by the commissioner  
9 and by the shipper delivered to the transportation company

10 the said barrels, boxes or packages shall not be opened for  
11 inspection by anyone without the consent of the shipper; and  
12 in case of seizure by any duly authorized officer, of any  
13 barrels, boxes or other packages in transit, containing lob-  
14 sters which are not so marked as required by the provisions  
15 of the preceding section, or in case of seizure by such offi-  
16 cer, of barrels, boxes or other packages, containing lobsters,  
17 other than the prescribed length, such lobsters as are alive  
18 and other than the prescribed length shall be liberated, and  
19 all such lobsters as are of the prescribed length found in  
20 such barrels, boxes or packages, shall be forfeited and dis-  
21 posed of under the provisions of section forty-seven.'