

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 79

In Senate, Feb. 1, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Gordon of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section Thirty-Five of Chapter Forty-Five
of the Revised Statutes, relating to Length of Lobsters.

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

Section thirty-five of chapter forty-five of the Revised
Statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the third line
thereof, the words "and three-fourths," so that said section
as amended shall read as follows:

Sect. 35. No person shall buy or sell, give away or ex-
pose for sale or possess for any purpose any lobster less
than four inches in length, alive or dead, cooked or un-
cooked, measured in manner as follows: Taking the length

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