

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 169

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1917.

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

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Deering of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Establish the Legal Length for Lobsters in York
and Cumberland Counties.

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

Section 1. The legal length for lobsters in York and
2 Cumberland counties is hereby established at four and one-
3 eighth inches, measured as hereinafter provided. No per-
4 son in said counties shall buy or sell, give away or expose
5 for sale or possess for any purpose any lobster less than
6 four and one-eighth inches in length, alive or dead, cooked
7 or uncooked, measured in manner as follows: Taking the
8 length of the back of the lobster measured from the end
9 of the bone of the nose to the center of the rear end of

10 the body shell; and any lobster shorter than the prescribed
11 length when caught shall be immediately liberated alive at
12 the risk and cost of the parties taking them, under a pen-
13 alty of one dollar for each lobster so caught, bought, sold,
14 given away, or exposed for sale or in possession. The pos-
15 session of mutilated lobsters, cooked or uncooked, shall be
16 prima facie evidence that they are not of the required
17 length. All lobsters or parts of lobsters sold for use in
18 this state or for export therefrom must be sold and de-
19 livered in the shell, under a penalty of twenty dollars for
20 each offense; and whoever ships, transports, carries, buys,
21 gives away, sells or exposes for sale lobster meat after the
22 same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable
23 to a penalty of one dollar for each pound of meat so
24 shipped, transported, carried, bought, given away, sold or
25 exposed for sale. Any person or corporation in the busi-
26 ness of a common carrier of merchandise, who shall know-
27 ingly carry or transport from place to place lobster meat
28 after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall
29 be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars upon each conviction
30 thereof. All lobster meat so illegally shipped, transported,
31 carried, bought, given away, sold or exposed for sale shall
32 be liable to seizure and may be confiscated. Nothing con-
33 tained herein shall be held to prohibit the sale of lobsters
34 that have been legally canned.

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