

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 73

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House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Williams of Wells.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to establish the Legal Length for Lobsters in York  
County.

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

Section 1. The legal length for lobsters in York county  
2 is hereby established at not less than four and one-eighth  
3 inches and not more than six inches, measured as is herein-  
4 after provided. No person in said county of York shall  
5 buy or sell, give away or expose for sale or possess for  
6 any purpose any lobster less than four and one-eighth inches  
7 in length or more than six inches in length, alive or dead,  
8 cooked or uncooked, measured in manner following; taking  
9 the length of the back of the lobster measured from the

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

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