

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 63

In Senate, February 18, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Stevens from Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries for purpose of printing and 500 copies ordered printed.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Forty-five, Section Thirty-five of the Revised Statutes relating to the Legal Size of Lobsters and Method of Measurement.

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

Section 1. Chapter forty-five, section thirty-five of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole
3 of said section and enacting and inserting in place thereof,
4 the following:

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

5 of the back of the lobster from the end of nose to end of
6 middle flapper of tail bone; and any lobster shorter than
7 nine inches when so measured when caught shall be imme-
8 diately liberated alive at the risk and cost of the parties
9 taking them, under a penalty of five dollars for each lobster
10 so caught, bought, sold, given away, or exposed for sale or
11 in possession. The possession of mutilated lobsters, cooked
12 or uncooked, shall be prima facie evidence that they are
13 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 or delivered in the shell, under a penalty of fifty
16 dollars for each offense; and whoever ships, transports,
17 carries, buys, gives away, sells or exposes for sale lobster
18 meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell
19 shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for each pound of
20 meat so shipped, transported, carried, bought, given away,
21 sold or exposed for sale. Any person or corporation in the
22 business of common carrier of merchandise, who shall
23 knowingly carry or transport from place to place lobster
24 meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell
25 shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars upon each con-
26 viction thereof. All lobster meat so illegally shipped, trans-
27 ported, carried, bought, given away, sold or exposed for
28 sale shall be liable to seizure and may be confiscated.
29 Nothing contained herein shall be held to prohibit the sale
30 of lobsters that have been legally canned.