

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 71

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.

Presented by Senator Stevens of York.

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-six of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Purchase of Lobsters with Eggs Attached, by Commissioner.

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

Section 1. Chapter forty-five, section thirty-six of the re-
2 vised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred fifty-
3 five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is
4 hereby amended by striking out all of said section, and en-
5 acting and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sect. 1. Commissioner not to pay over twenty-five per
2 cent above market price; lobsters with eggs attached caught

3 by persons licensed to catch lobsters to be given to com-
4 missioner free; lobsters to be marked and liberated in vi-
5 cinity where caught; property of state. Whoever catches
6 any lobsters with eggs attached in the waters of the state
7 of Maine, may safely store the same in lobster cars, or traps
8 used for that purpose only, and may keep them separate
9 from other lobsters until such time as the commissioner of
10 sea and shore fisheries or some person or persons desig-
11 nated by him can gather and liberate them. The commis-
12 sioner may pay for such lobsters a sum not exceeding twen-
13 ty-five per cent above the market price, excepting for such
14 lobsters with eggs attached as may be caught by persons li-
15 censed to catch lobsters in the state of Maine, which shall
16 be given to the commissioner, or his agent, free of cost.
17 The commissioner or his agent shall liberate such lobsters
18 so purchased, or so given, in the vicinity where they were
19 caught, after having marked the same by punching a hole
20 in the middle flipper.

Sect. 2. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries may
2 purchase at a price not exceeding twenty-five per cent above
3 the market price lobsters with eggs attached caught out-
4 side the waters of this state, and may transport such lob-
5 sters to this state and liberate them in the waters of the
6 state of Maine in such vicinities as he may deem advisable,
7 after having marked the same by punching a hole in the
8 middle flipper.

Sect. 3. All lobsters marked according to the provisions

2 of the two foregoing sections shall be deemed the property
3 of the state and, if again caught, shall be returned immedi-
4 ately to the waters by the persons catching them. The pos-
5 session of any lobster so marked shall be deemed prima
6 facie evidence of the violation of this section and all per-
7 sons convicted of such violation shall be liable to a fine of
8 fifty dollars.

Sect. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are
2 hereby repealed.'