

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 140**

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In Senate, March 18, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Clement from Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Chapter Two Hundred Ninety-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen Relating to the Powers of the Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

Section three, chapter two hundred ninety-three of the 2 public laws of 1917 is hereby amended by adding after the 3 last word thereof the following words thereof: 'Whoever 4 violates the rules and regulations so made or the close time 5 so declared shall be liable to the same fines and penalties as 6 are provided in section seventeen of chapter forty-five en- 7 gaging in the lobster business without a license,' so that 8 said section three, chapter two hundred ninety-three as

9 amended shall read as follows: 'The governor, with the ad-  
10 vice and consent of the council shall, upon taking the effect  
11 of this act, appoint a commission of three persons to be  
12 known as the sea and shore fisheries commission who shall  
13 have general supervision of the sea and shore fisheries and  
14 shell-fish regulated by chapter forty-five of the revised stat-  
15 utes. Each commissioner except as hereinafter provided  
16 shall hold office for a term of three years, unless sooner re-  
17 moved. Two of said commissioners shall belong to the polit-  
18 ical party casting the largest number of votes for governor  
19 at the last preceding election and one from the political  
20 party casting the second largest vote for governor at the  
21 same election. They shall exercise supervision over all the  
22 fisheries and their products taken from the tide waters with-  
23 in the state, including the proper enforcement of all laws re-  
24 lating to the catching, packing, curing, manufacturing, sell-  
25 ing, branding and transportation of all kinds of picked, salt,  
26 smoked, fresh, canned or frozen shell or other fish. They  
27 shall have authority to make rules and regulations govern-  
28 ing the time, manner and conditions of taking fish, shell-fish  
29 and lobsters and may declare a close time on such varieties  
30 and in such localities as they may determine; but such rules  
31 and regulations shall be made and such close time declared  
32 only after hearing, reasonable notice of which shall have  
33 been given by publication or otherwise to all parties interest-  
34 ed. Rules and regulations so made and close time so declared  
35 shall be held to take precedence over any then existing pro-

36 visions of statute inconsistent therewith. Whoever violates  
37 the rules and regulations so made or the close time so de-  
38 clared shall be liable to the same fines and penaltis as are  
39 provided in section seventeen of chapter forty-five engaging  
40 in the lobster business without a license.'