

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 81

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1923.

Taken from table on motion by Mr. Allen, and on further motion of the same senator again laid on table pending reference to a committee and five hundred 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-THREE

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

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

So much of section thirty-five of chapter forty-five of the
2 revised statutes as relates to the county of York is hereby
3 amended by striking out the whole of said section and en-
4 acting in place thereof, the following:

'Sect. 35. No person shall buy, or sell, give away or
2 expose for sale, or possess for any purpose, any lobster,
3 alive or dead, cooked or uncooked, less than three inches

4 in length, measured on the back from the innermost edge
5 of the eyesocket to the nearest point of the rear end of
6 the body shell; and every lobster shorter than three inches,
7 so measured when caught, shall be immediately liberated
8 alive at the risk and cost of the parties taking it, under
9 penalty of five dollars for each lobster so caught, bought,
10 sold, given away, exposed for sale, or in possession. The
11 possession of mutilated lobsters, cooked or uncooked, shall
12 be prima facie evidence that they are not of the required
13 length. All lobsters, or parts of lobsters, sold for use in
14 this state or delivered for export therefrom, must be sold
15 or delivered in the shell, under a penalty of fifty dollars
16 for each offence; and whoever ships, transports, carries,
17 buys, gives away, sells, or exposes for sale, lobster meat,
18 after the same shall have been taken from the shell, shall
19 be liable to a penalty of five dollars for each pound of meat
20 so shipped, transported, carried, bought, given away, sold,
21 or exposed for sale. Any person or corporation engaged
22 in the business of common carrier, who shall knowingly
23 carry or transport from place to place lobster meat, after
24 the same shall have been taken from the shell, shall, upon
25 conviction, be fined fifty dollars for each offence. In case
26 of seizure, by a duly authorized officer, all meat so illegally
27 shipped, transported, carried, bought, given away, sold or
28 exposed for sale shall be forfeited and disposed of under
29 the provisions of section forty-seven. Nothing contained
30 herein shall be held to prohibit the sale of lobsters that have
31 been legally canned.'