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### EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

#### SENATE NO. 209

In Senate, March 6, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Emery of Washington.

#### STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty-six of Chapter Two Hundred and Fifty-five, Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, Relating to the Purchase of Lobsters with Eggs Attached.

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

Section thirty-six of chapter two hundred and fifty-five

- 2 of public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby
- 3 amended by striking out in the fourth line thereof the words,
- 4 "caught in the waters of this state," so that said section, as
- 5 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 36. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries 2 may purchase at the rate of fifteen per cent above market

3 price, lobsters with eggs attached. Whoever catches any 4 lobsters with eggs attached may safely store the same in 5 lobster cars or traps used for that purpose only and may 6 keep them separate from other lobsters until such time as 7 the director or some person or persons designated by him 8 can gather and pay for them. The director or his agent 9 shall liberate any lobsters so purchased in the vicinity where 10 they were caught, after having marked such lobsters by 11 punching a hole in the middle of the flipper. Such lobsters 12 shall be deemed the property of the state, and, if again 13 caught immediately be returned to the waters by the person 14 catching them. The possession of any such marked lobsters 15 or mutilated lobsters shall be deemed prima facie evidence 16 of violation of this chapter. Any person violating the pro-17 visions of this section shall be fined fifty dollars.'