

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 556

H. D. No. 120

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and 1000
copies ordered printed. Sent up for Concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lamson of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section thirty-five of chapter forty-five of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of
3 said section and enacting in place thereof the following:

‘Sect. 35. No person within the counties of Androscoggin,
2 Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln,
3 Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset,
4 Waldo, or Washington, shall buy or sell, give away or ex-
5 pose for sale, or possess for any purpose, any lobster, alive

6 or dead, cooked or uncooked, less than four and three-
7 fourths inches in length, measured on the back from the
8 end of the bone of the nose to the center of the rear end
9 of the body shell; and no person within the counties of
10 Cumberland and York shall buy or sell, give away or expose
11 for sale, or possess for any purpose, any lobster, alive or
12 dead, cooked or uncooked, less than three inches in length,
13 measured on the back from the innermost edge of the eye-
14 socket to the nearest point of the rear end of the body
15 shell; and every lobster shorter than four and three-fourths
16 inches, caught in the counties of Androscoggin, Aroostook,
17 Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford,
18 Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo or
19 Washington, measured according to the method herein pre-
20 scribed for said counties, and every lobster shorter than
21 three inches, caught in the counties of Cumberland and
22 York, measured according to the method herein prescribed
23 for said counties, shall be immediately liberated alive at the
24 risk and cost of the parties taking it, under penalty of five
25 dollars for each lobster so caught, bought, sold, given away,
26 exposed for sale, or in possession. The possession of muti-
27 lated lobsters, cooked or uncooked, shall be prima facie
28 evidence that they are not of the required length. All lob-
29 sters, or parts of lobsters, sold for use in this state or
30 delivered for export therefrom, must be sold or delivered
31 in the shell, under a penalty of fifty dollars for each offence;
32 and whoever ships, transports, carries, buys, gives away,

33 sells, or exposes for sale, lobster meat, after the same shall
34 have been taken from the shell, shall be liable to a penalty
35 of five dollars for each pound of meat so shipped, trans-
36 ported, carried, bought, given away, sold, or exposed for
37 sale. Any person or corporation engaged in the business of
38 common carrier, who shall knowingly carry or transport
39 from place to place lobster meat, after the same shall have
40 been taken from the shell, shall, upon conviction, be fined
41 fifty dollars for each offence. In case of seizure, by a duly
42 authorized officer, all meat so illegally shipped, transported,
43 carried, bought, given away, sold or exposed for sale shall
44 be forfeited and disposed of under the provisions of section
45 forty-seven. Nothing contained herein shall be held to pro-
46 hibit the sale of lobsters that have been legally canned.'