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In Senate, Feb. 8, 1933.

Reference reconsidered. Tabled by Senator Blaisdell of Hancock pending reference and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Blaisdell of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Lobster Fishermen's Licenses.

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

R. S. c. 50, § 21, amended. Section 21 of chapter 50 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 21. Licenses; fees; report by commissioner. The commissioner shall grant and issue licenses in the lobster industry to such persons, except as is herein otherwise provided, who may make written application therefor on blanks furnished by said commissioner, but no such license shall be issued to any class of applicants unless all questions asked or information sought or called for in said application shall have been completed to the satisfaction of said commissioner. Such licenses shall be divided into four classes, namely: first class, fishermen's licenses; second class, selling licenses; third class, shipping licenses; fourth class, smackmen's licenses. Licenses of the first class, fishermen's licenses, shall be issued only to such persons as have been, for ~~three~~ **ten** years prior to the date of application, a resident of the state of Maine, except that any person who has heretofore been a resident of this state, but for a time resident elsewhere, and returns to the state of Maine for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a bona fide residence therein may, if otherwise entitled, receive such license in which case such non-residence may be taken as a part of said three years. Licenses of the second class, selling licenses,

shall be issued only to persons, firms, or corporations conducting hotels, restaurants, or boarding-houses, or to persons, firms or corporations engaged in the business of buying and selling lobsters. Licenses of the third class, shipper's licenses, shall be issued only to persons, firms or corporations engaged in the lobster business in this state or other states to buy, sell and ship lobsters. Licenses of the fourth class, smackmen's licenses, shall be issued only to smackmen to buy, sell and transport lobsters by smack or boat. Applications for licenses shall be made upon special forms provided by the commissioner as above set forth. Violations of the agreements of the application shall render the license thereon void.

Dumping, destroying or removing any bag, box or other receptacle, or failing to stop after command of the commissioner or his wardens, or when pursued by the commissioner or his wardens, shall be evidence of violation of the agreement of his application and the license of such person shall be revoked, after public hearing before the commissioner. The said commissioner shall keep the clerks of various cities, towns and plantations bordering on the seashore and other clerks who request them, supplied with blank applications; said clerks shall keep a supply of them on hand and furnish them to applicants. All applications when filled out shall be forwarded to the office of said commissioner together with fees for same, which fee shall be one dollar for any license or for any renewal thereof. All licenses shall expire annually on the last day of June unless sooner revoked as provided in section seventy-nine. The commissioner, in his biennial report, shall state the number of licenses granted. He shall issue to each person, firm or corporation licensed as aforesaid a certificate, stating the name of the person, firm or corporation to whom such license shall be granted, the number of said license and the date of the expiration thereof.