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S. P. 305

In Senate, February 8, 1939.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Elliot of Knox.

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## S T A T E   O F   M A I N E

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Relating to Lobster Fishermen's Licenses.

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

**P. L., 1933, c. 2, § 73, amended.** The 1st paragraph of section 73 of chapter 2 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

‘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 4 classes, namely: 1st class, fishermen's licenses; 2nd class, selling licenses; 3rd class, shipping licenses; 4th class, smackmen's licenses. Licenses of the 1st class, fishermen's licenses, shall be issued only to such persons as have been, for 10 years prior to the date of application, a resident of the state of Maine, and provided further, that no such license issued shall entitle the holder thereof to use any pots, traps, boats, trawls or other contrivances used for the catching or taking of lobsters within the waters adjacent to the county of York, unless the commissioner of sea

and shore fisheries is satisfied that the applicant therefor has the bona fide intention of becoming a legal resident of said county of York, 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 10 years, **provided, however, that such person who satisfies the commissioner of his residence in good faith in the state for the period of 3 years next preceding his application, may receive such license.** Licenses of the 2nd 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 3rd 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 4th 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.'