

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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CHAP. 20.**Chapter 20.**

An act to protect the spawn or egg lobsters in the waters of Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Sale or purchase of egg or spawn lobsters, prohibited.

SECT. 1. All persons are forbidden catching and offering for sale, or buying, any egg or spawn lobsters.

Such lobsters not to be captured.

SECT. 2. Any person upon drawing nets or traps and finding any such lobsters shall at once let them go without injury.

Penalty.

SECT. 3. Any person violating the provisions aforesaid shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars for each lobster taken, bought or sold.

Penalty for vessels and boats having such lobsters on board.

SECT. 4. All vessels, boats, craft and apparatus of every kind, having on board any such lobsters, shall be liable for any fines and costs herein provided for, and any person may seize and detain said property not exceeding twenty-four hours, in order that it may be attached and taken by due process of law, to satisfy any judgment that may be recovered ; but it shall, at any time be released on payment, by the owner or master, of the fine, costs and reasonable expenses.

Penalties, how recovered.

SECT. 5. The penalty aforesaid may be recovered in an action of debt, half to the person suing therefor and half to the town where the offence is committed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 20, 1872.

Chapter 21.

An act relating to snowing covered bridges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Covered bridges to be snowed.

All persons and corporations maintaining covered bridges for the purpose of public travel, are required to keep the same snowed at all reasonable times.

Approved February 20, 1872.