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OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

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STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 70.

An Act to amend Chapter two hundred and eighty-four of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred one, relating to Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

Section 1. Section twenty-one of chapter two hundred and eighty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred one is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence thereof and inserting the following sentences:

Section 21 of chapter 284, public laws of 1901, amended.

'The possession of mutilated lobsters, cooked or uncooked, shall be prima facie evidence that they are not of the required length.

Mutilated lobsters.

All lobsters or parts of lobsters sold for use in this state or for export therefrom must be sold and delivered in the shell

—must be sold in the shell.

under a penalty of twenty dollars for each offense, and whoever ships, buys, gives away, sells or exposes for sale, lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of one dollar for each pound of meat so bought, sold,

—penalty.

given away, exposed for sale or shipped. Any person or corporation in the business of a common carrier of merchandise, who shall knowingly carry or transport from place to place lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars upon each conviction thereof. All lobster meat so illegally bought, shipped, sold, given away, exposed for sale or transported shall be liable to seizure and may be confiscated.

—common carriers, liabilities of.

—meat liable to seizure.

Nothing contained herein, shall be held to prohibit the sale of lobsters that have been legally canned,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

—exception.

'Section 21. It is unlawful to catch, buy or sell, give away or expose for sale, or possess for any purpose any lobster less than ten and one-half inches in length, alive or dead, cooked or uncooked, measured in manner as follows; taking the length of the back of the lobster, measured from the bone of the nose to the end of bone of the middle flipper of the tail, the length to be taken in a gauge with a cleat upon each end of the same, measuring ten and one-half inches between said cleats, with the lobster laid and extended upon its back its natural length upon the gauge, without stretching or pulling, and any lobster shorter than the prescribed length when caught shall be liberated alive at the risk and cost of the parties taking them, under a penalty of one dollar for each lobster so caught, bought, sold, exposed for sale or in possession. The possession of mutilated lobsters, cooked or uncooked, shall be prima facie evidence that they are not of the required length.

Length of lobsters.

—how measured.

—short lobsters shall be liberated.

—prima facie evidence.

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—must be sold in the shell.

—penalty.

—Common carrier, liability of.

—exception.

Section 23, amended.

Lobsters for canning, length of, fixed.

—penalty.

All lobsters or parts of lobsters sold for use in this state or for export therefrom must be sold and delivered in the shell under a penalty of twenty dollars for each offense, and whoever ships, buys, sells, gives away or exposes for sale, lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of one dollar for each pound of meat so bought, sold, exposed for sale, given away or shipped. Any person or corporation in the business of a common carrier of merchandise, who shall knowingly carry or transport from place to place lobster meat after the same shall have been taken from the shell shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars upon each conviction thereof. All lobster meat so illegally bought, shipped, sold, given away, exposed for sale or transported shall be liable to seizure and may be confiscated. Nothing contained herein shall be held to prohibit the sale of lobsters that have been legally canned.'

Section 2. Section twenty-three is hereby amended so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'It shall be unlawful to can lobsters less than ten and one-half inches in length, alive or dead, measured as aforesaid; and for every lobster canned, contrary to the provisions of this section, every person, firm, association or corporation so canning, shall be liable to a penalty of one dollar for every lobster so canned, contrary to the provisions of this section, and a further penalty of three hundred dollars for every day on which such unlawful canning is carried on.'

Approved March 11, 1903.

Chapter 71.

An Act to repeal Section sixteen of Chapter seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes, relating to duties of County Commissioners.

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

Section 16 of chapter 78, R. S., repealed.

Section 1. Section sixteen of chapter seventy-eight of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 11, 1903.