

### ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

# SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE

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## PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

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#### LOBSTERS.

of  $\frac{\text{CHAP. 216}}{\text{Section 1 of}}$ 

Section 1 of chapter 108, public laws of 1870, repealed.

Section 5. Section one of chapter one hundred and eight of the public laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.

#### Chapter 216.

An Act for the protection of Lobsters with eggs attached.

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

Section I. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase at a rate not exceeding twenty-five per cent above the market price, lobsters with eggs attached, caught along the coast of Maine. Whoever catches any such lobsters with eggs attached, may safely store the same in lobster cars or sections of cars used for that purpose only, and may keep them separate from other lobsters until such time as the said commissioner or some person or persons designated by him can gather and pay for them. Said commissioner and his agent shall liberate them in the vicinity of the location where they were caught; or he may at his discretion sell any portion or all of them to the officer in charge of the United States fish hatchery for artificial propagation, the proceeds to be applied to the appropriation made for the enforcement of this act.

Section 2. The sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for carrying out the provisions of this act in the year nineteen hundred and three, and five thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and four, to be used at the discretion of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

Approved March 28, 1903.

Lobsters, with eggs attached, may be purchased by commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

A ppropriation for carrying out provisions of this act.