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#### SEED LOBSTERS,

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of said commission are necessary for the protection of said streets or highways, and no such jitney bus, or other steam or motor driven vehicles shall be so operated on any highway or town way without such permit.

Sec. 2. Penalties and fines. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be liable to the penalty provided by section fourteen of chapter twenty-six of the revised statutes, except that in the case of damage to any street, highway or bridge which is under the jurisdiction of the state highway commission, any fine shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be used for the repair of the street, highway or bridge so damaged.

Approved April 7, 1917.

#### Chapter 255.

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-six of Chapter Forty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Purchase, Marking and Liberating of Seed Lobsters.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 45, § 36, relating to purchase of lobsters with eggs attached, by commissioner. Section thirty-six of chapter forty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 36. Commissioner not to pay over 15 per cent above market price; lobsters to be marked and liberated in vicinity where caught; property of state. The commissioner of sea and shore fisheries may purchase at the rate of fifteen per cent above market price, lobsters with eggs attached, caught in the waters of this state. Whoever catches any lobsters with eggs attached may safely store the same in lobster cars, or traps used for that purpose only, and may keep them separate from other lobsters until such time as the commissioner or some person or persons designated by him can gather and pay for them. The commissioner or his agent shall liberate any lobsters so purchased in the vicinity where they were caught, after having marked such lobsters by punching a hole in the middle flipper. Such lobsters shall be deemed the property of the state, and, if again caught immediately be returned to the waters by the person catching them. The possession of any such marked lobster or mutilated lobster shall be deemed prima facie evidence of violation of this chapter. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined fifty dollars.'

Sec. 2. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 7, 1917.