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furnished by that department, the estimated value of his boat and equipment separately, the gross value of his previous year's catch and any other statistical information that may be required for the use of the department.

If any fisherman holds a lobster license he shall keep a separate account of his catches of all ground fish caught for commercial purposes in addition to the information sought of him by virtue of the requirements of his lobster license, but he need not procure a separate license.

Any legal resident of the state intending to engage in the catching of ground fish in the tidal or coastal waters of the state for commercial purposes must procure a license therefor from the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries and failure to procure such license shall be punished by a fine of \$25. No license fee shall be required of such applicant but he shall be required to furnish the information required of him by the blanks in his application and his refusal or failure to promise to furnish such information may be deemed sufficient cause for refusing the granting of such license, or a neglect or refusal to furnish such information after the issuance of it shall be cause for the revocation of such license.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1937.

Chapter 34

AN ACT to Regulate the Size of Mesh in Nets Used by Beam Trawlers.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the unlimited and unrestricted use of beam trawls or otter trawls in the tidal and coastal waters of the state is proving destructive to the fishing industry of the state by destroying the smaller fish before they have time to grow to a size sufficient to make them valuable for commercial or food purposes; and

Whereas, such destruction is useless, wasteful and costly, and its further continuance is a serious menace to the fishing industry of the state; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Use of trawls, regulated. The use of either otter or beam trawls within the territorial waters of the state of Maine is hereby prohibited

unless the same are properly provided with net or nets having all meshes thereon measure not less than $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches mesh by diagonal, or stretch measurement as it is commonly known and called among shore fishermen.

Sec. 2. Penalty. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for the 1st offense and in default of payment, by 30 days in jail; and for the 2nd offense he shall be punished by a fine of \$200 and in default of payment by 60 days in jail.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1937.

Chapter 35

AN ACT Relative to Compensation of Reporter of Decisions.

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

R. S., c. 125, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 7. The reporter of decisions. The reporter of decisions shall receive an annual salary of ~~\$2700~~ \$1700.'

Approved March 8, 1937.

Chapter 36

AN ACT Relating to Homesteads.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 95, § 69, amended. Section 69 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 69. Claim for homestead exemption to be recorded in registry of deeds; amount of exemption. Such person may file in the registry of deeds in the county or district where the land lies, a certificate signed by him, declaring his wish for such exemption, and describing the land and buildings; and the register shall record it in a suitable book; and so much of such property as does not exceed ~~five hundred dollars~~ \$1000 in value, is exempt from attachment or levy on execution issued on a judgment recovered for any debt, contracted jointly or severally by such person after