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than Maine, or of the District of Columbia, which is not a member of the Interstate Compact on Mental Health, grant authorization for the transfer of an insane patient directly to a Maine State Hospital;, provided that said patient has a settlement in a Maine municipality acknowledged by the municipal officers thereof resided in the State of Maine for a consecutive period of one year during the 3-year period immediately preceding commitment in such other state or the District of Columbia; that said patient is currently confined in a recognized state institution for the care of the insane as the result of proceedings considered legal by that state; that a duly certified copy of the original commitment proceedings and a copy of the patient's case history is supplied; that if, after investigation, the Commissioner shall deem such a transfer justifiable; and that all expenses incident to such a transfer be borne by the agency requesting same. When the Commissioner has authorized such a transfer, the Superintendent of the State Hospital designated by him shall receive the patient as having been regularly committed to said Hospital under the laws of this State.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 232

AN ACT Relating to Lobster Traps.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 117-A, additional. Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 117-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 117-A. Lifting lobster pots. Between June 1st and November 1st no person shall raise, lift or transfer any pot, trap or other contrivance that is set for the taking of lobsters or crabs from $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset until $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise of the following morning. For the purpose of this section, the time shall be that which is recognized as legal in the State of Maine.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 233

AN ACT Prohibiting Certain Implements and Devices in Certain Waters in Washington County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary as a conservation measure to preserve the fish in the waters of Washington county; and

Whereas, such legislation should become effective immediately to regulate such fishing this season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legisSALE OF LOBSTER MEAT FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE

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lation 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:

R. S., c. 37, § 52-A, additional. Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 52-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 52-A. Implements and devices in Washington county waters. Between the first day of May and the first day of December, inclusive, of each year, it shall be unlawful to set or use any device such as fish spawn, grapnel, spear, trawl, weir, gaff, seine, gill net, trap or set line on the waters of the Pleasant river and its tributaries in Columbia Falls and Addison, in Washington county, above Maine River Bridge, so called, in said Addison, and during such closed period no person shall have in his possession any grapnel, trawl, weir, seine, gill net, trap or set line on the waters of the Pleasant river or its tributaries within the above described boundaries. This section shall not apply to the taking of eels by spear from said waters during the month of November annually. This section shall not apply to the taking of alewives from said waters as authorized by the general law or by vote of the town of Columbia Falls. Any equipment used in violation of this section shall be confiscated by the Commissioner, after final adjudication of any charge brought under this section.'

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

Effective May 7, 1957

Chapter 234

AN ACT Relating to Sale of Lobster Meat Received from Outside the State.

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

R. S., c. 38, § 116, amended. The 5th paragraph of section 116 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following paragraph enacted in place thereof:

'It shall be lawful for holders of a wholesale sea food dealer's and processor's license to receive meat from other states and countries providing such meat is processed by canning or freezing, for resale as processed stews, newburgs, chowders or pies, in the retail trade. Such meat shall not be resold unless so processed and it must conform to the provisions of this section. The purchaser of such meat is required to file a monthly statement of such shipments received with the Commissioner on forms furnished by the Commissioner and the shipping containers cannot be opened until immediately prior to processing of the meat.'

Effective August 28, 1957