

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1322

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 27, 1922.

The committee on Conservation, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 294) of Walter H. B. Remington relative to the granting to aliens of licenses to take lobsters, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1101) of Joseph H. Fernandez and others relative to the granting of licenses for the catching of lobsters, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

WM. J. LOOK.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Granting of Licenses to Certain Aliens for  
the Catching of Lobsters.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the  
same, as follows:*

1 Section one hundred and four of chapter one hundred  
2 and thirty of the General Laws, as amended by section  
3 one of chapter one hundred and sixteen of the acts of  
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further  
5 amended by striking out, in the fifteenth and sixteenth  
6 lines, the words "therein, for five years next preceding the  
7 date of the license" and inserting in place thereof the  
8 words:— in the waters of any of the aforesaid counties,  
9 for five years next preceding December first, nineteen  
10 hundred and twenty, — so as to read as follows:— *Sec-*  
11 *tion 104.* The clerk of any town in Essex, Middlesex,  
12 Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes  
13 or Nantucket county, situated on the shores of the com-  
14 monwealth, shall grant licenses in the form prescribed and  
15 upon a blank furnished by the director, to catch or take  
16 lobsters from the waters of the commonwealth within  
17 three miles of the shores of the county where the town  
18 lies. Except as hereinafter provided, such licenses shall  
19 be granted only to individuals who are citizens of the  
20 commonwealth and who have resided therein for at least

21 one year next preceding the date of the same. The clerk  
22 of any such town may grant such a license to any in-  
23 dividual who is an alien and who resides in the county  
24 where the town lies; provided, that such alien has re-  
25 sided in said county, and has been actually engaged in  
26 lobster fishing in the waters of any of the aforesaid  
27 counties, for five years next preceding December first,  
28 nineteen hundred and twenty. A non-resident citizen of  
29 the United States temporarily residing in any town grant-  
30 ing such licenses may, during June, July, August and  
31 September in each year, upon payment of the fee required  
32 by this section procure a license to take lobsters for  
33 consumption by the licensee and his family only. Li-  
34 censes, except those granted to non-residents, shall expire on  
35 November thirtieth next succeeding the granting of the  
36 same unless sooner revoked as provided in the following  
37 section. The town clerk granting a license shall collect  
38 therefor a fee of one dollar, which, less fifteen cents to be  
39 retained by him, shall be forwarded to the director on the  
40 first Monday of the following month, together with  
41 coupons provided by the director for a description of the  
42 licensee and his buoys, and for such other information as  
43 may be required. All books of forms furnished to town  
44 clerks under this section shall be returned to the director  
45 on January first of each year. Each applicant for a  
46 license shall state the color scheme or other special mark-  
47 ings of the buoys to be used by him which shall be set  
48 forth in his license, and all buoys used by him shall be  
49 marked accordingly, and also with the licensee's initials  
50 or name which shall be branded or cut into the surface  
51 of the buoy. A licensee under this section shall at all  
52 times, while acting in pursuance of the license, exhibit  
53 his license upon the demand of any officer qualified to  
54 serve criminal process.

