

HOUSE No. 721

Accompanying the petition of Charles B. Tilden and others for an amendment of the law relative to the granting of licenses for the catching of lobsters. Conservation. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Granting of Licenses for the Taking 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 two of chapter two hundred and twelve of the
2 General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen is hereby
3 amended by striking out the first sentence of the last
4 paragraph, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* The
5 clerk of any city or town in the counties of Essex, Mid-
6 dlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol,
7 Dukes or Nantucket, situated on the shores of the com-
8 monwealth, shall, in the manner and subject to the pro-
9 visions hereinafter set forth, grant licenses in the form
10 prescribed and upon a blank furnished by the board of
11 commissioners on fisheries and game, to catch or take
12 lobsters from the waters of the commonwealth within
13 three miles of the county within which the city or town

14 granting the license is situated. Such a license shall be
15 granted to any applicant who has resided in the common-
16 wealth for a period of at least one year next preceding the
17 date of the same. Non-residents transiently or tempora-
18 rily residing in any city or town granting such licenses
19 may, during the months of June, July, August and Sep-
20 tember in each year, upon payment of the fee hereinafter
21 provided, procure a license to take lobsters for consump-
22 tion of the licensee and his family only. Applications for
23 licenses shall be made on special forms provided by the
24 board of commissioners on fisheries and game. Licenses,
25 except those granted to non-residents, shall expire on the
26 thirty-first day of October next succeeding the granting
27 of the same unless sooner revoked as hereinafter provided.
28 The city or town clerk granting a license shall collect
29 therefor a fee of one dollar, which shall be forwarded to
30 said board on the first Monday of every month, together
31 with coupons provided for a description of the licensee
32 and his buoys, and for such other information as may be
33 required. All books of forms furnished to city or town
34 clerks under the provisions of this act shall be returned
35 to the said board on January first of each year.

36 An applicant for a license under the provisions of this
37 act shall state the color scheme or other special markings
38 of the buoys to be used by him which shall be set forth
39 in his license, and all buoys used by him shall be marked
40 accordingly.

41 From the license fee aforesaid the sum of fifteen cents
42 shall be retained by the clerk of the city or town in which
43 the license is granted.