

HOUSE No. 904

Accompanying the petition of Ernest B. Thing for an amendment of the law relative to the granting of licenses to take lobsters. Conservation. January 18.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Granting of Licenses to take 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 is hereby amended by
3 striking out the period after the word "same", in the
4 eighth line thereof, and inserting the following, namely: —
5 and who actually engage or intend to engage in the lob-
6 ster business for a livelihood, — so that said section will
7 then read as follows: — *Section 104.* The clerk of a
8 town in Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth,
9 Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes or Nantucket county, situated
10 on the shores of the commonwealth, shall grant licenses,
11 in the form prescribed and upon a blank furnished by the
12 director, to catch or take lobsters from the waters of the
13 commonwealth within three miles of the shores of the
14 county where the town lies. Such licenses shall be

15 granted only to citizens of the commonwealth who have
16 resided therein for at least one year next preceding the
17 date of the same and who actually engage or intend to
18 engage in the lobster business for a livelihood. A non-
19 resident temporarily residing in any town granting such
20 licenses may, during June, July, August and September
21 in each year, upon payment of the fee required by this
22 section, procure a license to take lobsters for consump-
23 tion by the licensee and his family only. Licenses, except
24 those granted to non-residents, shall expire on November
25 thirtieth next succeeding the granting of the same unless
26 sooner revoked as provided in the following section.
27 The town clerk granting a license shall collect therefor
28 a fee of one dollar, which, less fifteen cents to be re-
29 tained by him, shall be forwarded to the director on the
30 first Monday of the following month, together with
31 coupons provided by the director for a description of the
32 licensee and his buoys, and for such other information
33 as may be required. All books of forms furnished to
34 town clerks under this section shall be returned to the
35 director on January first of each year. Each applicant
36 for a license shall state the color scheme or other special
37 markings of the buoys to be used by him which shall be
38 set forth in his license, and all buoys used by him shall
39 be marked accordingly, and also with the licensee's initials
40 or name, which shall be branded or cut into the surface
41 of the buoy. A licensee under this section shall at all
42 times, while acting in pursuance of the license, exhibit
43 his license upon the demand of any officer qualified to
44 serve criminal process.