

HOUSE No. 2091

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 21, 1948.

The committee on Conservation, to whom was referred the preliminary report of the joint special committee authorized (under the provisions of an order adopted by the Senate on May 22 and by the House on May 23, 1947) to investigate the fish industry in this Commonwealth relative to methods of marketing, prices and cold storage and the receipt of fish at the Fish Pier in Boston and methods employed in disposing of the same (House, No. 1770, App. I), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2091).

For the committee,

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF COASTAL
WATERS AND FLATS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND
SAMPLES OF SHELLFISH THEREIN OR THEREON.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 74 of chapter 130
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of
3 chapter 598 of the acts of 1941, is hereby amended by
4 striking out, in line 2, the words "from time to time"
5 and inserting in place thereof the word:— annually,—
6 so as to read as follows:— The department of public
7 health shall examine annually, or upon the request of
8 the director, the coastal waters and flats of the
9 commonwealth and samples of shellfish therein or
10 thereon in order to determine what areas thereof are
11 so contaminated that shellfish obtained therefrom are
12 unfit for food and dangerous to the public health.
13 If, after such examination, said department determines
14 that such contamination exists, it shall, by written
15 order, promulgate definite bounds of the area or areas
16 so determined to be contaminated. Before such
17 determination shall be in effect, said department
18 shall