

SENATE No. 723

[Senate, No. 723. — Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Holmes) for the House Report of the committee on State Administration, "reference to the next annual session (under Joint Rule 10)", on the petition of the South Shore Lobster Fisherman's Association and another, accompanied by bill, House, No. 629.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION.

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 1. Section 5 of chapter 21 of the General
2 Laws, as enacted by chapter 651 of the acts of 1948, is
3 hereby amended by striking out the words "Chief
4 Coastal Warden" in the first sentence of the last
5 paragraph and striking out the words "and the chief
6 coastal warden shall have charge of coastal wardens,
7 whose duty shall be enforcement of chapter one hun-
8 dred and thirty and all other provisions of law rela-
9 tive to marine fisheries and fishery" as they appear
10 in the second sentence of the last paragraph of said
11 section five.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 21, as so enacted, is
2 hereby further amended by inserting the following
3 section:—

4 *Section 9.* There shall be in the division of marine
5 fisheries a bureau of law enforcement, under the charge
6 of a chief shore patrol officer. All shore patrol officers,
7 shore patrol deputies, and fish inspectors of the division
8 shall be assigned to duty in the said bureau. The
9 bureau shall, under the supervision of the director,
10 enforce chapter one hundred and thirty and all other
11 provisions of law relative to marine fish and fisheries.
12 The director, subject to the approval of the commis-
13 sioner, may appoint shore patrol deputies who shall
14 serve without compensation from the commonwealth.
15 Said deputies may be removed at any time by the
16 director for cause. In any statute, classification or
17 regulation where the words "chief coastal warden",
18 "coastal warden" or "deputy coastal warden" are
19 used they shall be deemed to mean shore patrol
20 officer or shore patrol deputy.

1 SECTION 3. The employees of the department of
2 conservation serving therein upon the effective date
3 of this act, who are subject to the civil service laws,
4 shall continue to serve in said department without
5 impairment of their civil service or other rights, and
6 such employees shall retain any step-rate increases
7 from the minimum pay of their grade earned during
8 their service with said department, and for retirement
9 purposes their service with said department shall be
10 deemed to be creditable service. Non-civil service
11 employees of said department serving therein on said
12 effective date of this act shall continue to serve in
13 said department without impairment of their status,
14 and for retirement purposes their service with the
15 said department shall be deemed to be creditable
16 service.