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[Senate, No. 651. — Moved (Holmes) as a substitute for the Senate Report of the committee on Conservation, reference to the next annual session, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 202) of the South Shore Lobster Fishermen's Assn., by Frank Moore, president.]

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SALE, TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF LOBSTER MEAT.

*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 44 of chapter 130 of the General  
2 Laws, as amended by chapter 156 of the acts of 1953,  
3 is hereby further amended by striking out the last sen-  
4 tence, and inserting in place thereof the following sen-  
5 tence: — No person shall buy, sell, expose for sale, give  
6 away, deliver, transport, ship, carry or have in his posses-  
7 sion any lobster meat after the same shall have been  
8 taken from the shell without the tail meat being whole  
9 and intact and of a length of less than four and one  
10 quarter inches when laid out straight and measured from  
11 end to end, not including the small part that is on the  
12 body end of the tail meat.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 130 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after section 44, as amended, the  
3 following section: —

4 *Section 44A.* No person, firm or corporation shall  
5 transport, possess or offer for sale lobster meat from  
6 sources outside the jurisdiction of the commonwealth  
7 unless such meat shall comply with the provisions of  
8 section forty-four. The inclusion of any such meat of

9 less than the prescribed legal length within any con-  
10 tainer, package, receptacle or tray shall subject all such  
11 meat included in said container, package, receptacle or  
12 tray to be forfeited and the possessor of such meat shall  
13 be subject to the penalty imposed for violation of sec-  
14 tion forty-four.