

Substituted by the House, as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading and as amended by Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 1746). July 17.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE MINIMUM SIZE 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 44 of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out  
3 the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 paragraph: —

5 Until January first, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, the  
6 minimum size shall be three and three-sixteenths inches.  
7 Thereafter, except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
8 minimum size shall be as follows: Beginning on January first,  
9 nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, three and seven-thirty-seconds  
10 inches; beginning on January first, nineteen hundred and eighty-  
11 nine, three and eight-thirty-seconds inches. Beginning January  
12 first, nineteen hundred and ninety and continuing until January  
13 first, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, there shall be no further  
14 minimum size increases. Beginning January first, nineteen  
15 hundred and ninety-three, the director may by regulation  
16 approved by the marine fisheries advisory commission increase  
17 the minimum size if he determines that such increase would not  
18 cause the minimum size to exceed the minimum size in effect in  
19 Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, or Rhode Island.

