

HOUSE No. 1132

By Mr. Doherty of Boston, petition of Gerard F. Doherty for legislation relative to the taking of marine fish by spearfishing. Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPEARFISHING.

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

1 Chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 104 the following section:—

3 *Section 105.* Nothing to the contrary withstanding, it shall be
4 lawful to take any marine fish excluding crustacean and shellfish
5 by spearfishing that may lawfully be taken by angling. The
6 director may in the interest of conservation and after public
7 hearing adopt rules and regulations limiting the kind of fish
8 that may be taken or the amount thereof that may be taken in
9 any one day; provided, there shall be no absolute prohibition
10 unless said prohibition applies to all taking of a kind of fish by
11 whatever means. Spearfishing is defined as fishing by means of a
12 spear, speargun, lance, or other contrivance designed to take a
13 single fish at a time while the person so spearfishing is swimming
14 in or submerged under the water. For the purpose of conserva-
15 tion no striped bass so called shall be taken by spearfishing for
16 commercial purposes or sale.

The Commission on Government

Report of the Commission on Government

Presented to the House of Representatives

at the opening of the 85th Congress, January 3, 1957

The Commission on Government was organized on July 1, 1955, by the House of Representatives. Its members were selected from among the members of the House and the Senate. The Commission's mandate was to study the structure and functioning of the Federal Government and to recommend such changes as might be necessary to improve its efficiency and effectiveness. The Commission held numerous public hearings and received many suggestions from citizens and officials alike. Its report, presented today, is the result of its extensive work. It contains a detailed analysis of the current state of the Federal Government and offers a series of concrete recommendations for reform. These recommendations are designed to streamline the Government's operations, reduce its costs, and enhance its ability to serve the people. The Commission believes that these changes are essential for the continued health and vitality of our Nation.