

SENATE No. 177

To accompany the petition of George A. Schofield that the Commonwealth issue grants or leases for the taking of clams. Fisheries and Game.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

Relative to Grants or Leases by the Commonwealth
for the Taking of Clams.

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. A city or town may take from the
2 commonwealth a grant or lease of the right to con-
3 trol and regulate the taking of clams from all of
4 the flats within its borders.

1 SECTION 2. The commissioners of fisheries and
2 game shall issue such a grant or lease to each city
3 or town, which makes application therefor, for a
4 term of twenty-five years, at an annual rental of
5 five dollars a year, to be paid into the treasury of
6 the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. No such grant or lease shall give the
2 right to any city or town to sublet to any person or
3 corporation any of its rights under the grant or
4 lease.

1 SECTION 4. All rights granted to a city or town
2 under such a grant or lease shall be held by such
3 city or town for the benefit of its citizens.

1 SECTION 5. City governments in cities and town
2 meetings in towns may make rules and regulations
3 for the control and regulation of the taking of
4 clams, and may authorize the granting of permits
5 to citizens of such cities and towns to take clams,
6 and may prescribe the time and methods of such
7 taking.

1 SECTION 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent
2 with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.