

By Mr. Lane of Essex, petition of David J. Lane, Henry A. Walker and Richard J. Dwinell for legislation to prohibit the taking of lobsters for commercial purposes by skin or scuba diving or other means other than pots or traps. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING OF LOBSTERS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES BY MEANS OTHER THAN TRAPS OR POTS.

*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 37 of Chapter 130 of the General Laws  
2 as amended by Chapter 91 of the Acts of 1971 is hereby further  
3 amended by inserting at the end of the third paragraph the  
4 following sentence: —

5 No person shall take or attempt to take lobster for commercial  
6 purposes by skin or scuba diving or any other means other than  
7 pots or traps.

1 SECTION 2. Section 38 of said Chapter 130 as amended by  
2 Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1975 is hereby further amended by  
3 deleting the sixth sentence of the first paragraph and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following sentence: — A commercial fisherman  
5 permit (lobster) shall be issued to an individual but it may be  
6 endorsed for use on fishing vessels, in which case it shall cover all  
7 persons, except skin or scuba divers, on board such vessel.

It is the duty of the House to inquire into the conduct of the Executive and to report thereon to the Senate. It is also the duty of the House to impeach and to try the President and the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the inferior Courts of the United States.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 5, Clause 2

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