

SENATE . . . No. 229.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 11, 1887.

The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill in reference to amending the statutes for the protection of lobsters, report, recommending the adoption of the accompanying Bill as a substitute therefor.

For the Committee,

CHARLES N. CLARK.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven.

AN ACT

For the Protection 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 1. Section one of chapter two hun-
2 dred and twelve of the acts of the year eighteen
3 hundred and eighty-four is amended by striking
4 out the words "measuring from one extreme of
5 the body extended to the other, exclusive of claws
6 or feelers," and by inserting in place thereof the
7 words "measuring from the extremity of the
8 bone projecting from the head to the end of the
9 bone of the middle flipper of the tail of the lob-
10 ster, extended on its back its natural length," so
11 that said section as amended shall read as fol-
12 lows: —

13 *Section 1.* Section eighty-four of chapter
14 ninety-one of the Public Statutes is amended so
15 as to read as follows: Whosoever sells or offers

16 for sale or has in his possession a lobster less than
17 ten and one-half inches in length, measuring from
18 the extremity of the bone projecting from the
19 head to the end of the bone of the middle flipper
20 of the tail of the lobster, extended on its back
21 its natural length, shall forfeit five dollars for
22 every such lobster; and in all prosecutions under
23 this section the possession of any lobster not of
24 the required length shall be *prima facie* evidence
25 to convict.

1 SECT. 2. One-half of the fines imposed under
2 sections eighty-one, eighty-two and eighty-four
3 (as amended) of chapter ninety-one of the Public
4 Statutes and under this act shall be paid to the
5 complainant, and the other half to the county
6 within which the offence was committed.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

E. HERBERT CLAPP,
Clerk.

