

HOUSE No. 422.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 3, 1881.

The Committee on the Fisheries, to whom was recommitted the engrossed Bill providing for the preservation of lobsters, (House Doc. No. 176, as amended), report the same in a new draft.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM H. TAPPAN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To provide for the Preservation 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. Whoever, from the twentieth day of
2 July to the twentieth day of September, takes a lob-
3 ster shall be punished for each offence by a fine of
4 not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars,
5 or by imprisonment in the house of correction for
6 not less than one nor more than three months; but
7 a person catching a lobster when lawfully fishing,
8 and immediately returning it alive to the waters
9 from which it was taken, shall not be subject to such
10 penalty.

1 SECT. 2. Whoever from the twentieth of July to
2 the twentieth of September, buys, sells, or has in his

3 possession a lobster taken in this Commonwealth,
4 shall forfeit for each offence a sum not less than ten
5 nor more than fifty dollars.

1 SECT. 3. The mayor and aldermen of every city,
2 the selectmen of every town, and all public officers
3 and constables shall cause the provisions of this act
4 to be enforced in their respective cities and towns,
5 and all penalties for violations thereof shall be paid
6 one-half to the person making the complaint, and
7 one-half to the city or town in which the offence was
8 committed.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage. *Jan 1, 1882*

