

By Mr. Brownell of Quincy, petition of Thomas F. Brownell relative to the measurement of lobster. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEASUREMENT 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 44 of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by section 4 of chapter 69 of the acts of 1977, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence: — Whoever sells, or offers for
5 sale, or has in possession for a period longer than is necessary for
6 immediate measuring, or for any purpose other than legally dispos-
7 ing of same, a lobster measuring less than three and eight-six-
8 teenths inches in length, alive or dead, cooked or uncooked, mea-
9 sured from the rear of the eye socket along a line parallel to the
10 center line of the body shell to the rear end of the body shell, shall
11 be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than twenty-
12 five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for every such lobster and
13 for a subsequent offense by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor
14 more than one hundred dollars for every such lobster, or by
15 imprisonment for not less than one nor more than three months, or
16 both, and such lobster shall be seized and forfeited and shall be
17 disposed of by the director to the best interest of the common-
18 wealth.

