

HOUSE No. 4751

By Mr. Morrissey of Quincy (by request), petition of Jens E. Thornton for legislation to further regulate the taking of lobsters and edible crabs from coastal waters. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE TAKING OF LOBSTERS AND EDIBLE CRABS FROM COASTAL WATERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of law, there shall be a
2 closed season on the taking of lobsters and edible crabs from coastal
3 waters for the two months that the director of the division of marine
4 fisheries determines are the heaviest months for lobster shedding
5 and breeding. Said director is also authorized to promulgate regula-
6 tions increasing the lobster guage size to a minimum carapace size of
7 three and one half inches, measured in the usual way.

