

By Mr. Bly of Saugus, petition of Belden G. Bly, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the sale, transportation and possession of lobster meat. Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SALE, TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF LOBSTER MEAT.

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 44 of chapter 130 of the General Laws,
2 as amended by chapter 156 of the acts of 1953, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the last sentence and insert-
4 ing in place thereof the following sentence: — No person shall
5 buy, sell, expose for sale, give away, deliver, transport, ship,
6 carry or have in his possession any lobster meat after the
7 same shall have been taken from the shell without the tail
8 meat being whole and intact and of a length of less than four
9 and one quarter inches when laid out straight and measured
10 from end to end, not including the small part that is on the
11 body end of the tail meat.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 130 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 44, as amended, the following section: —

3 SECTION 44A. No person, firm or corporation shall trans-
4 port, possess or offer for sale lobster meat from sources outside
5 the jurisdiction of the commonwealth unless such meat shall
6 comply with the provisions of section forty-four. The inclusion
7 of any such meat of less than the prescribed legal length with-
8 in any container, package, receptacle or tray shall subject all
9 such meat included in said container, package, receptacle or
10 tray to be forfeited and the possessor of such meat shall be
11 subject to the penalty imposed for violation of section forty-
12 four.

