



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5003

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Cal. No. 481

**"AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND
WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE STATE."**

1 Strike section 64 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 64. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any
3 provision of title 26 of the general statutes, any food service
4 establishment that is regulated pursuant to the Public Health Code may
5 sell to consumers any lobster greater than the Atlantic States Marine
6 Fisheries Commission's American Lobster Fishery Management Plan
7 Lobster Management Area 6 maximum legal length, as well as any
8 lobster that is less than the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
9 Commission's American Lobster Fishery Management Plan Lobster
10 Management Area 6 minimum legal length, as defined in regulations
11 adopted pursuant to section 26-157c of the general statutes, provided:
12 (1) Such lobster is not taken from such Lobster Management Area 6
13 waters or landed in this state, regardless of where such lobsters were
14 taken, (2) such lobster is not greater than the maximum legal length nor
15 less than the minimum legal length in effect for the applicable waters of

16 the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's American Lobster
17 Fishery Management Plan Lobster Management Area, or the nation of
18 origin, as applicable, and (3) such food service establishment in
19 possession of such lobsters possesses a manifest, bill of lading, invoice,
20 purchase order or other written documentation that identifies the state,
21 lobster management area or nation of origin, as applicable, where such
22 lobster was received, and the number of such lobsters received. Such
23 documentation shall be retained by the food service establishment for a
24 period of six months from the date such lobsters were received by such
25 food service establishment and shall be made available to any law
26 enforcement officer upon request.

27 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 26-157j of the general
28 statutes, any person licensed as a seafood dealer, pursuant to section 26-
29 142a of the general statutes, may sell to a food service establishment that
30 is regulated pursuant to the Public Health Code any such lobster, as
31 described in subsection (a) of this section, provided such lobster
32 complies with the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of said
33 subsection. Such seafood dealer shall provide to the purchasing food
34 service establishment, at the time of sale, the documentation described
35 in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section.

36 (c) The provisions of this section shall not take effect prior to the
37 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection developing
38 policies and procedures for the enforcement of the prohibition of
39 undersized lobsters being imported into the state."