

amended, by adding at the end thereof, a new section to read as follows:

Section 699.7. Undersized Lobsters.—Whoever captures, takes or has in his possession, any lobster measuring less than three and one-eighth inches (3 $\frac{1}{8}$ ") from the rear of the eye socket along a line parallel to the center line of the body shell (carapace) to the rear end of the body shell (carapace), shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) and in default of the payment of such fine and costs shall be sentenced to imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

No. 134

AN ACT

To amend the title, and to further amend sections one, two and three of the act, approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eighty-seven), entitled "An act authorizing the compromise or reduction of tax claims on real property purchased by any county, city, borough, town, school district or poor district at any sale for the nonpayment of taxes; and the reconveyance or private sale of such property," giving each political subdivision, having tax or municipal claims against any such real property, the right to petition court for a compromise agreement or sale authorized by the act; and extending the time for the holding of a hearing thereon.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Tax and
municipal claims.

Title to act of
May 21, 1937,
P. L. 787,
amended;
sections 1, 2
and 3 of said
act as last
amended by
act of July 29,
1941, P. L. 600,
further amended.

Section 1. The title of the act, approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, seven hundred eighty-seven), entitled "An act authorizing the compromise or reduction of tax claims on real property purchased by any county, city, borough, town, school district or poor district at any sale for the nonpayment of taxes; and the reconveyance or private sale of such property," is hereby amended to read as follows:

AN ACT

Authorizing, *subject to approval of the court of common pleas*, the compromise or reduction of tax and municipal claims on real property purchased by any county, city, borough, town, school district or poor district at any sale for the nonpayment of taxes or municipal claims; and the reconveyance or private sale of such property.

Section 2. Sections one, two and three of said act, as amended by the act, approved the twenty-ninth day

of July, one thousand nine hundred forty-one (Pamphlet Laws, six hundred), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever any real property has been heretofore or shall be hereafter purchased by any county, city, borough, incorporated town, school district or poor district, to be called herein municipality, for nonpayment of taxes or municipal claims under any act of Assembly authorizing such sale, the municipality purchasing said property, *or any taxing authority having an interest therein*, may, subject to the approval of the court of common pleas, upon petition, agree with the former owner of such property or his heirs, devisees, or any one or more of them, or with anyone entitled to redeem such property, to accept in compromise or reduction of the amount of the taxes and municipal claims, penalties, interest, and costs due, any sum less than the whole of such amount so due, whereupon either the said municipality, *or the taxing authority having an interest therein*, or the person with whom such agreement is made, may petition the common pleas court for confirmation of said agreement.

Power to
compromise
extended to
municipal claims.

Section 2. After the period for redemption has passed, such municipality may sell at private sale any real property purchased at tax sale or sale for municipal claim, and may, in effecting such sale, accept any sum less than the amount of all the taxes, municipal claims, penalties, and interest due, subject to the approval, upon petition, of the court of common pleas, *as hereinafter provided*.

Provisions
extended to
municipal claims.

Section 3. Upon presentation of *any* such petition, *by any taxing authority having an interest therein, or by the other party concerned*, the court shall fix a day, not more than [ten]* *thirty*** days thereafter for a hearing thereon. At least five days' notice of such hearing shall be given to all the taxing authorities having tax or municipal claims against such real estate, and notice shall also be given by publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the county, setting forth a description of the property, the total amount of taxes, municipal claims, penalties and interest due, and costs, and the amount which it is proposed to accept in compromise or redemption or for the sale of said property.

Section 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective
immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1943.

EDWARD MARTIN

* "ten" in dark-face brackets in original.

** "thirty" not underscored in original.