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SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 3, 1906.

CHAPTER 426.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 381 of Article 27, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Rivers."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 381 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws; title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Rivers," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

Section 381. It shall not be lawful for any person to dig, dredge, take and carry away any sand, gravel or other material from the bed of any of the navigable rivers, creeks or branches of this State, under a penalty of a fine not exceeding three hundred (\$300) dollars, and confiscation of the boat, vessel, dredge and implements used in digging, dredging and carrying away such sand, gravel, or other material, and imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding six months, in the discretion of the court; one-half of said fine and one-half of the proceeds of the sale of such confiscated boat, vessel, dredge and implements, to be paid by the sheriff to the informer, and the other half to the commissioners of public schools for the counties; provided, however, that it shall be lawful for any riparian owner of lands bordering on said rivers, creeks or branches, or for any person or corporation with whom such owner shall have a contract in writing for the purpose, or for the agents, servants or employees of such person or corporation to dig, dredge, take and carry away sand, gravel, or other material from the bed of said river opposite said lands from high-water mark on the shore bordering on said lands to the outer line of the channel nearest said shore, subject to the laws of the United States relating to navigation; and provided further, that none of the provisions of this section shall be deemed to interfere in any manner with the provisions of any law of the State relating to the taking and catching of fish and oysters.

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