

duties upon packers and dealers engaged in the oyster, crab, clam and fish industry, and providing fines for the violation thereof and disposition of same.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be added to Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "State Auditor", to follow Section 240 of said Article, and to be known as Section 240-A, to read as follows:

SEC. 240-A. The Governor shall appoint a deputy state auditor, in addition to the ones provided for in the preceding section, whose term of office shall begin when this act takes effect, and shall hold office until the first Monday in May, 1928, after which time he shall be appointed and hold office in the same manner and for the same term, as provided for the other deputy state auditors appointed by the Governor in the preceding section. Said deputy shall receive such salary as the Governor may prescribe, and in addition thereto shall receive his necessary travelling expenses. He shall be subject to all the provisions of this sub-title relative to deputy state auditors, and in addition thereto shall perform the following duties:

Said auditor shall audit the books of the various oyster packers, crab and clam shippers and fish dealers, including any catchers of the above seafoods, who may ship direct, for the purpose of ascertaining the total number of bushels of oysters caught within the waters of the State of Maryland, the number of gallons shucked and shipped, the pounds of crabs and crab meat, quantities of soft crabs and clams, quantities of each kind of fish, and also the quantity in bushels or gallons of oysters that are purchased from points out of the State, and shall file with the Conservation Department weekly reports showing the result of such audit.

In order to enable said auditor to secure the information required, all persons engaged in the pursuits mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall keep books, statements and accounts, and all such books, statements and accounts shall be open to inspection by said auditor at all times.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$100. nor more than \$500., and shall be adjudged in contempt of court until he complies therewith. All monies arising from fines collected under this section shall be remitted to the Comptroller for credit of the Conservation Fund.