

section to be known as Section 98B and to follow immediately after Section 98A of said Article, as enacted by Chapter 302 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1933, prohibiting the planting, importation or transportation of seed or merchantable oysters in the State of Maryland from another State, or from one locality to another in this State, when the same are infected by the oyster drill or screw borer, and authorizing the Conservation Commissioner to inspect oysters imported into the State and to seize and destroy any oysters so infected wherever the same may be found.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1929 Supplement, title "Oysters," sub-title "Oyster Culture," as enacted by Chapter 302 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1933, said new section to be known as Section 98B, to follow immediately after Section 98A, and to read as follows:

98B. It shall be unlawful for any person to plant, import or transport any seed or merchantable oysters in the State of Maryland from another State, or from one locality to another in this State, or to introduce seed or merchantable oysters into any of the waters of this State, when the same are infected by (*Urosalpinx cinerea* Say), commonly known as the oyster drill or screw borer. It shall be the duty of the Conservation Commissioner to inspect all oysters imported into the State for the purpose of planting, and he is authorized to seize, condemn and destroy any infected oysters so found. The Conservation Commissioner is further authorized to seize, condemn and destroy any seed or merchantable oysters so infected wherever the same may be found, and to close infected areas and prevent the taking of oysters therefrom, so far as may be necessary to prevent the spread of said oyster drill.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect on the date of its passage.

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