

"1. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch, or have in possession in this State any terrapin, between the first day of April and the first day of November in each year, the term terrapin to apply to those known as diamond back, skilpot and sliders. This section shall not apply to Worcester, Dorchester, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch in this State any terrapin of a less size than five inches in length on the bottom shell. This section not to apply to Worcester county.

"3. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with or in any manner destroy terrapin eggs.

"4. None but bona fide residents of this State shall take or catch terrapin therein.

"5. Any person violating any of the preceding sections shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace of this State, shall be fined a sum not less than five nor more than ten dollars for each terrapin so taken or held in possession, or for destroying such eggs, and the terrapin so held in possession shall be confiscated and returned by the officer making the arrest to the public natural waters for terrapin. One-half of all such fines to go to the informer and the balance to the game warden.

"6. The possession by any person, of terrapin, between the first day of April and the first day of November shall be conclusive evidence of violation of this Article."

"7. The constable, game warden and officers of the State fishery force, shall, upon information of any one, arrest any person or persons violating the provisions of this Article, and take them before the nearest justice of the peace to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of section 5.

"Sec. 2. That this Act shall not be construed so as to affect any prosecutions for violation of this Article or any section thereof for offenses committed prior to the passage of this Act."

Which was read a second time.

Mr. Norris, from Committee on Hygiene, reported favorably,