

Penalty for
having in
possession
false measures

in his possession any instrument of measurement for oysters in the shell which differ in size or description from the measure hereinbefore mentioned, or shall demand a greater measure than hereinbefore mentioned, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished upon conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction be fined a sum of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or committed to the House of Correction for a period of not less than three months nor more than six months, or both, in the discretion of the judge or justice of the peace trying the same, and in case a fine is imposed under the provisions of this section, said fine to be paid over by the officer making the arrest to the Comptroller of the State, to be credited to the oyster fund; one-half, however, to be paid to the informer, unless he be an officer of the State Fishery Force. Said measures shall also be the standard measure for shells, and the use of any other measure for that purpose shall be punished, as is prescribed by this section, for the use of any other measures for measuring oysters, and the measurers or special inspectors are hereby forbidden to handle or interfere with the oysters in or upon the tub or measure for the purpose of pressing or pushing down same, under penalty of removal from office and a fine of ten dollars for each offense.

Standard
measure for
shells.

Unlawful to
engage in
business of
packing or
canning
oysters with-
out license.

66. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of packing or canning oysters without first taking out a license to engage in such business by application under oath from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which the place of business of such applicant may be situated, or to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, if the place of business of such applicant shall be in Baltimore City, and such applicant shall state the number of bushels of oysters which he expects shucked during the succeeding eight months, and at the time of issuing such license shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars for such license, and in addition thereto the sum of one dollar per thousand bushels for every thousand bushels over ten thousand bushels, so as aforesaid estimated in his application, as the total number of bushels to be shucked during said season, and all said moneys received for said license shall be paid over and accounted for by the said several clerks of courts to the Comptroller of the State, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, as provided by Section twenty-nine, of this Article. It shall be the duty of each person, firm or corporation obtaining a license under this section to make a sworn report and return, under oath, within thirty days after the twenty-fifth day of April in each year,

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statement.