

WILD DEER.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act for the preservation of the breed of Wild Deer in Somerset and Dorchester Counties.—1817, ch. 161.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever, to shoot, or otherwise destroy, any wild deer in Somerset or Dorchester counties, at any period within three years from the passage of this law, under the penalty of forty dollars, one-half of which shall be applied to the use of the county, and the other half to the person who shall make information thereof, for every deer so killed or destroyed, to be recovered in the same manner as prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement. Penalty for killing deer.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That after the expiration of the aforesaid term of three years, no person or persons whatsoever shall shoot, kill, or otherwise destroy, any deer, except within the period as prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement. Not to be killed for three years.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons whatsoever, in whose hands or custody any deer flesh or deer skin or skins shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed contrary to this act, shall be deemed, taken and adjudged, the killer or destroyer of such deer, and liable to the penalty aforesaid, unless such person or persons shall make it appear who it was that really killed the same, or from whom such person possessed thereof shall have received the same, or that the same was not killed contrary to the provisions of this act. Persons in whose hands any deer's flesh may be found to be considered the killer.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That if any master, mistress or overseer, shall wilfully suffer any servant or servants, slave or slaves, under his, her, or their care and management, to hurt, kill or destroy, any deer, contrary to this act, shall forfeit the sum of forty dollars, to be recovered and applied as before directed; and if any servant or servants, slave or slaves, do or shall hurt, kill or destroy, any deer, contrary to this act, and without the privity and knowledge of their masters, mistress or overseer, and be convicted thereof before any justice of the peace, such servant or servants, slave or slaves, shall be whipped not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, at the discretion of such justice of the peace; *Provided always,* that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the owner from killing tame deer, or deer confined in parks. Penalty on slaves killing deer.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That all laws heretofore passed for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset and Dorchester counties, repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed. Repeal.