

## CHAPTER 209.

AN ACT to continue in force the Acts of Assembly which would expire with the present session.

Laws  
extended.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all such acts, and parts of such acts of assembly, as would expire with the present session of assembly, be and the same are hereby continued until the twentieth day of November next, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

## CHAPTER 214.

AN ACT to protect the Fisheries in the Patuxent River.

Other laws are, 1828, ch. 128; 1832, ch. 264; 1837, ch. 291.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the general assembly, that persons owning the shores of the Patuxent river, and having established fisheries at the same, are frequently, greatly and wantonly injured by the improper conduct of persons floating gill nets; therefore,

Penalty for  
offence.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, if any person or persons shall cause or permit his, her or their gill net or nets to be floated across, over, or through the seine or seines of any person or persons, whilst making what are commonly called sweep hauls, the person or persons so causing or wilfully permitting his, her or their gill net or nets to be floated across, over or through the seine or seines, whilst so hauling, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, one-half to the informer the other half to the county where the offence is committed.

Proceedings

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful, and is hereby required of any justice of the peace in this state, upon information, on oath, of such offence or offences having been committed, to issue his warrant for the apprehension of such offender or offenders, and when the person or persons so offending shall be brought before him, to hear, adjudge and decide the same, agreeably to the evidence produced, and that for whatever sum he may deem proper, not exceeding twenty dollars, he shall enter a judgment in the name of the state, which sum shall be recovered in the same manner as all other sums within the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace, are recovered, one-half to be paid over by the constable collecting the same to the clerk of the levy court for the county where the offence was committed, and the other half to the informer.