

CHAPTER 442.

AN ACT to prevent the hauling of any seine or seines over one hundred fathoms in length in Sinepuxent Bay, or any of the bays or their tributaries on the eastern side of Worcester County, above George's Island Landing.

Fine.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person or persons shall haul or fish with any seine or seines in Sinepuxent Bay or its tributaries, or in any of the bays or their tributaries on the eastern side of Worcester County, above what is known as George's Island Landing, on Parker's Bay, he or they shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for the first offence, and two hundred dollars for every subsequent offence, with all costs and charges accruing in the prosecution of such offender or offenders.

Length of
seine.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That no gill net, set-seine or other contrivance for catching fish (otherwise than a hauling seine) in any of the waters aforesaid shall exceed in length or extent seventy-five fathoms, and any person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars, and for every subsequent offence, shall forfeit and pay two hundred dollars, together with all costs and charges in the prosecution of such offender or offenders.

Heard before
Justice of the
Peace.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the offences named or contemplated by this Act may be heard by any Justice of the Peace of this State, before whom the offending party or parties may be brought, or any Justice of the Peace of this State who, upon information shall issue a warrant for the apprehension of any such offender or offenders; the said Justice, upon hearing proof, may either discharge the accused or cause him or them to enter into recognizance, with sureties, in double the amount of the penalty, for any violation of the provisions of this Act, to appear at the then session or the next term of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, to answer for the offence and to satisfy the judgment which may be rendered against him