

CHAPTER 241.

AN ACT to protect Oysters within the waters of Wicomico county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to employ any canoe, boat, or vessel in catching or taking oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge, or any similar instrument, within the waters of Wicomico county, nor shall any person or persons take or catch oysters for sale within the waters of said county otherwise than with tongs, as restricted and regulated by the provisions of the General Oyster Law in force in this State. Not lawful to take or catch oysters with scoops. &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the protection of the young oysters in the waters of Wicomico county, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to convey beyond the limits of said county any oysters, from the fifteenth day of May until the first day of September in each and every year. Protection of young oysters

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons violating the provisions of either the first or second sections of this Act, shall forfeit the canoe, boat or vessel in his or their possession, together with the tackle and apparel, and all things on board at the time the offence may have been committed, and shall be fined in a sum not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, for each and every offence, and shall stand committed to jail until such fine shall be fully paid and satisfied. Persons violating, to forfeit property.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That on information under oath of any violation of the provisions of this Act, to any Justice of the Peace of Wicomico county, he shall forthwith issue his warrant to the Sheriff or any Constable, or military officer, requiring either of them to whom it may be directed, to summon the *posse comitatus* if necessary, and proceed forthwith to arrest the party or parties alleged to have been engaged in the violation of this Act, and to seize and take possession of any canoe or canoes, boat or boats, vessel or vessels, together with all their tackle and apparel, Information of violation. Seize and take possession of property.