

CHAPTER 258.

AN ACT for the better protection of land owners bordering on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Not to mark
or stamp
drifted logs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any owner or claimants of logs, cast by wind and tide upon the land or shore of the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries, or any person or persons, for him or them, who shall wilfully mark, stamp, imprint or indent any log or logs *laying* and being upon any of the land or shore *contiguous* to and *laying* upon the bay or its tributaries, shall forfeit and pay, upon conviction thereof, not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail of the county wherein he may be convicted, for a term not less than four months, nor more than two years, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court; twenty-five per cent. of the fine to go to the informer, and the remainder to the Public School Fund of the county wherein the offence was committed, after the expenses of the trial have been paid.

Penalty for

Judgment
null and void.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any judgment against any land owner or his tenant, for logs drifted and cast by wind and tide upon the land or shore of the Chesapeake Bay or its *tributar*, is null and void, and of no effect whatever, unless the owner or claimants of the logs shall have actually paid to the land owner or his tenant, not less than twenty-five cents for each and every log claimed by him, the said owner.

Repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

In force.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1872.