

CHAPTER 79.

AN ACT for the protection of Black Bass and all other fish in the Patapsco River, above tide water.

SECTION 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, to take, capture, or destroy fish, by seine or seines, dragnet or dragnets, setnet or setnets, dipnet or dipnets, stirnet or stirnets, fish baskets, or fish pots, eels, weirs, brush, or fascine nets, or any means or contrivances whatever of the nature of a seine, which are known to destroy or capture fish, or to destroy or capture them by shooting or striking through the ice, or otherwise than by hook and line, commonly known as angling, in the Patapsco River above tide water. Not law ful

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the owner or owners of all dams, erected now or hereafter, on said river, shall and are hereby required to make or cause to be made, and keep in repair, proper fish ladders, and have them placed on said dam, so as to afford to the fish, in said river, free course up and down said river. Fish ladders.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if the owner or owners of the aforesaid dams fail to comply with the provisions of the preceeding section, within sixty days from the passage and approval of this act, they or either of them shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, by summary process before any justice of the peace of this State, in the county nearest or adjacent to where the dam or dams are situated, to a penalty of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars, five dollars to the informer and the balance to the board of county commissioners of the counties adjacent to said dam or dams, for school purposes. Penalty for failure

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons offending against the provisions of the first section thereof shall be liable, upon conviction thereof, by summary process before any justice of the peace of this State, in and for the county where the act is committed, to a penalty of not less than ten nor more Penalty for violating first section