

CHAPTER 785.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Chapter 623 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland at the Session of 1910.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Chapter 623 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the Session of 1910, entitled An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments Chapter 724 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland at the Session of 1900, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person within the limits of Talbot county to shoot, trap or in any manner kill or have in possession any otter or muskrat, or hide or skin of same, between the 15th day of March and the 15th day of December, inclusive, in each and every year, save and except that it shall be lawful for a dealer to have in his possession the hide or skin of any otter or muskrat between the 15th day and 31st day of March, inclusive, in each and every year, so as he may market the hides or skins of any otter or muskrat he may have purchased; but it shall be unlawful for any such dealer to purchase during the said period from the 15th day to the 31st day of March, inclusive, any hide or skin of any otter or muskrat.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person within the limits of Talbot county at any time between the hour of sunset and the hour of sunrise to shoot or shoot at, or in any manner kill, except by trapping, any otter or muskrat; and it shall also be unlawful for any person within the limits of Talbot county to dig into or in any manner destroy the roof or any part of a muskrat house or den.

SEC. 3. That any person violating either of the two preceding sections shall on conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of Talbot county, be fined ten dollars for each offense, to which shall be added the costs of prosecution, and the boat, gun or other apparatus used by said offender shall be forfeited and sold by the officer making the arrest, and the officer making the sale shall receive from the proceeds of such sale twenty-five per cent. of the proceeds of said sale, save and except that the said officer's fee for making said sale shall not be less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars, and one-half of all such fines and the proceeds from the forfeiture shall be paid to the informer and the other half to the game wardens, and in case where the offender does not pay the fine imposed the costs of prosecution shall be paid from the sale of the forfeited property.