

self for any purpose any of the barren bottoms under the waters of this State which are, by the provisions of this act, subject to lease, or to use any such barren bottoms in any way for the purpose of bedding, planting or cultivating oysters, and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction in any Circuit Court for any county in this State, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, before which such case is tried, shall be fined the sum of fifty dollars for each violation thereof. Each day during which or in which any of the acts prohibited by this section may be performed shall constitute a separate violation of its provisions. It shall be the duty of the State's Attorney of the county having jurisdiction, or of Baltimore City, at the request of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners, to prosecute anyone violating the provisions of this section. The net proceeds of fines collected under this section shall be applied as follows: One-half of the same shall be paid to the informer, if any, and the remainder shall be applied according to the provisions of section 118 of this article.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the following six sections be and they are hereby added to Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," to follow section 119, and to be designated as sections 119A, 119B, 119C, 119D, 119E and 119F.

SEC. 119A. It shall be the duty of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners to take such measures as in its judgment shall seem best calculated to increase the productivity of any part of the natural oyster bars defined as such by records and charts filed with the Courts of this State; and the expense of so doing shall be paid out of the "Fund for the Conservation of Natural Oyster Bars," upon requisition made by the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners, endorsed by the Comptroller of the State.

SEC. 119B. Any natural oyster bar or bars, or parts of bar or bars, which the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners may designate for the purpose of being cultivated and restored may be exempted by the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners from all rights of taking oysters in any manner by any person whatsoever for a period to be specified in a notice of such intention, to be published in local papers thirty days prior to such action; provided, that said published notice shall become void and of no effect at any time during the period of thirty days after the publication of said notice by the filing of a petition with the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners signed by