

nizance being given, the party convicted and the aforesaid property shall be discharged.*

This section is a duplicate of article 39, section 59D.

1912, ch. 4, sec. 9.

68H. If any oyster inspector or other officer empowered with the duties of enforcing the provisions of sections 68A-68I, knowingly fail to report violations of the same or to perform any of the duties herein required of him, he shall, for every such offense, be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, to be applied to the oyster fund of his State.*

This section is a duplicate of article 39, section 59E.

1912, ch. 4, sec. 11.

68 I. Nothing in sections 68A-68 I shall be construed in any way to impair, alter or abridge any rights which either State, or the citizens thereof, may be entitled to, either by, through, under or against the compact entered into between the States of Maryland and Virginia on March 28th, 1785.*

This section is the same as article 39, section 59F.

General Measurers and Inspectors.

69.

This section referred to in construing section 70—see notes thereto. *Foot v. Stanley*, 117 Md. 346.

1904, art. 72, sec. 69. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 58. 1900, ch. 380. 1906, ch. 188, sec. 69. 1908, ch. 488. 1910, ch. 413, sec. 69 (p. 205). 1914, ch. 153.

70. It shall be the duty of the Commander of the State Fishery Force, at the commencement of, or during the oyster season in each year, to appoint from the counties producing oysters for packing purposes in the State, not exceeding twenty, special inspectors, to be appointed as follows: Two each from Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, Talbot and Wicomico counties; three each from Dorchester, Somerset and Queen Anne's counties, and one each from Kent, Calvert and Charles counties, at a salary of forty-five dollars per month, during the oyster season, and they shall be stationed at such places as in the judgment of the Commander of the State Fishery Force their services may be needed. Before assuming the duties of their offices the said special inspectors shall take an oath, to be administered by the commander, to diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their said offices; the said special inspectors shall inspect all oysters in the district to which

*By section 10 of the act of 1912, chapter 4, it is provided that since an emergency existed for the passage of that act because of the depletion of fish and shell fish in the Potomac, the act should take effect from the date of its passage (February 19, 1912), provided concurrent legislation was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia by that time, and if not, then immediately upon the passage thereof. By section 12 of the act of 1912, chapter 4, it is provided that upon the taking effect in Virginia of the provisions prescribed in that act, the Governor of Maryland should issue a proclamation declaring the provisions of said act effective.