

as if no lease had ever been made. If any assignment or any interest created by this sub-title is attempted to be made to any person in such a way that the assignee shall become the holder of more than thirty acres, one hundred acres, or five hundred acres, as the case may be, according to the location of land leased under this sub-title, all interest of the grantor or assignor, in case of such an assignment, shall revert to the State as if no lease had been made.

1906, ch. 711, sec. 112. 1912, ch. 539, sec. 112.

114. No person shall catch or take oysters with dredge or similar instrument on any land held by lease under the provisions of this sub-title, without first having obtained a license therefor in the same manner as is now required by law for dredging oysters on the natural bars in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. No steamer or power boat of any kind shall be used or employed in catching or taking oysters in the waters of the State with scoop, scrape, dredge or similar instrument; and the captain of any boat engaged in taking oysters by any of the above mentioned methods, who shall have on his boat any engine or motor of any kind, whether attached to said boat or not, which is adapted to or can be used in propulsion of said boat, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars. Oysters may be taken in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and all other waters of the State on leased bottoms by the holders of such leased bottoms by dredging, scraping or tonging with boats propelled by oars or sails only, at such time as may desired by the holders of such land, between sunrise and sunset of any week day between the fifteenth day of September in any year and the fifteenth day of June in the following year. It is, however, specially provided that it shall be unlawful for any holder of land under this sub-title to take up oysters from the land so held by him during the closed season for the dredging of oysters from the natural bars of this State, until after he has given a written notice of, his intention so to do, to the official in charge of the nearest police boat, in which notice he shall name the week day or week days and the hours between sunrise and sunset of such week day or week days in such closed season during which he may intend to take oysters from such land, and it shall be unlawful for the holder of any such land to take up oysters from the land held by him at any other times than those named in such notice. 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 of this State, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, before which such case is tried, shall be subject to all the penalties provided in section 25 of this article for taking oysters unlawfully within the provisions of certain sections therein referred to.