

adjudged to be confiscated or ordered to be sold, as above provided, may intervene by sworn petition in the court of such conviction within ten days thereafter, and make claim to such boat or other property; and upon affirmative proof to the satisfaction of the court of such ownership and of the further facts that such owner or owners were, after making due inquiry as above required, in fact without knowledge or notice of any kind, direct or indirect, in advance of the use made or intended to be made of such boat, guns or paraphernalia, and did not, directly or indirectly, participate therein or connive thereat, and did not, in person or by agent, loan or rent or permit the use of such boat, guns or paraphernalia to any person or persons who, to his or their knowledge or information, intended or were likely to violate the provisions of this Section, or who had heretofore pursued wild fowl on the waters of this State in boats and did not in person or by agent or employee act upon such boat as the operator or navigator thereof, then and thereupon the said court shall strike out the judgment of confiscation as to so much of said boat, guns or paraphernalia as the court shall from the evidence affirmatively find belongs to such *bona fide* innocent owner, and shall order the sale only of the remaining share or shares and interest in said boat, guns and other paraphernalia; provided, that nothing herein contained shall apply to sink boxes nor to motor boats running with the wind while shooting over decoys, nor to retrieving or shooting wounded wild water fowl which have been wounded over decoys, if said sink boxes and motor boats running with the wind while gunning over decoys or retrieving ducks, wounded or killed over decoys occurs northward of a line drawn east and west from Turkey Point, in Cecil County, and Locust Point, in Harford County.¹

An. Code, sec. 14. 1910, ch. 251, sec. 2 (p. 336). 1916, ch. 568. 1924, ch. 13.

14. It shall be unlawful to shoot, or kill, trap, pursue, hunt, take, capture, or attempt to trap, pursue, hunt, take, capture or kill, any wild duck, goose, swan or brant within the limits of the State of Maryland, between the first day of February, and the thirty-first day of October in each and every year, both dates inclusive, and it shall further be unlawful to have in possession any such wild duck, goose, swan or brant between the tenth day of February and the thirty-first day of October in each and every year. No person or persons hunting, pursuing or gunning for any wild fowl of any species in the waters of Cecil and Harford Counties, on that part of the Chesapeake Bay lying northward of the line described in Section 498, and southward of the line described in Section 499 of the Public Local Laws of Harford County, as codified by Chapter 680 of the Acts of 1916, shall use in connection with a hunting rig, a boat of dimensions less than sixteen feet in length nor less than twenty inches at lowest point in height between the first day of November, and the first day of February following, providing, however, boats of smaller dimensions may be used in stationary booby or stick blinds. And any person or persons who shall have in his or their possession a boat of less than the aforesaid dimensions, on the Susquehanna Flats, between the said first day of November

¹ Sec. 2 of act of 1916, ch. 542, repeals all laws inconsistent with said act.