

spectors are authorized and directed to visit places where oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland in less than cargo lots are sold, and get from such sellers, a statement under oath as to the number of bushels sold from time to time and return to the general measurers and inspectors a certificate thereof to be forwarded to the Comptroller as required in the case of certificates for cargoes, and the payments of the amounts so found to be due shall be similarly enforced. All oysters found within the State of Maryland shall be presumed to have been caught within the limits of the State of Maryland and the burden of proof shall be upon any one claiming to the contrary to establish his said claim by clear and satisfactory evidence. All such general measurers and inspectors or special inspectors may be removed at any time by the Conservation Commissioner for neglect or malfeasance in office. The said Commissioner shall furnish to each of the said special inspectors certificates in book form, supplied with carbon paper, so that each of the said triplicate certificates shall be exactly the same; the form of the certificates shall be as follows:

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I hereby certify that I have this day inspected for Captain....., schooner....., a cargo of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, sold to....., and found the same to contain.....bushels of merchantable oysters and.....bushels of unmerchantable oysters.<sup>1</sup>

(Signed).....

1927, ch. 122.

**82A.** It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or attempt to carry or buy for the purpose of carrying out of the State any oysters taken from the natural rocks, beds or bars in the waters of this State, until he has first obtained for each cargo a permit to do so from the Deputy Commander or Inspector from whose district said cargo is to be taken, and has paid to the Deputy Commander or Inspector an inspection tax of four cents per bushel on the number of bushels in said cargo in order to defray the cost of such inspection; said inspection tax on oysters shall attach irrespective of actual sale of oysters and shall be effective prior to shucking or shipping same.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall upon conviction be fined the sum or not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars and the boat or vessel, together with her tackle used in the violation shall be forfeited to the State to be dealt with in accordance with Section 31; and all oysters found on said vessel shall be returned to the beds whence taken.

All taxes collected under the provisions of this Section shall be remitted to the Conservation Department and forwarded to the Comptroller or State Treasurer to be placed to the credit of the Conservation Fund.

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 2 of ch. 127 of the acts of 1927 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of inconsistency.