

than one hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, either or both, in the discretion of the court or jury trying the case. In any prosecution of the violation of this section against the master or commander of a vessel or any of his crew, or any person on board thereof, proof that such vessel was equipped with a crank, dredge or scrape shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of this section. Any vessel, boat or other craft, her tackle, apparel, anchor, cables, sails, rigging and appurtenances, and any dredge, scrape or other instrument used in violation of the provisions of this section shall, together with the cargo of such vessel, boat or craft, be condemned as forfeited to the State in proceedings, as provided for the enforcement of forfeitures.

### General Measurers and Inspectors.

An. Code. 1924, sec. 81. 1912, sec. 70. 1904, 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). 1916, ch. 702, sec. 70. 1922, ch. 279, sec. 70. 1927, ch. 127, sec. 81. 1933, ch. 248.

**81.** The Conservation Commission, at the commencement of or during the oyster season in each year, as needed, shall appoint from the counties producing oysters for packing purposes in the State, not exceeding twenty special inspectors at a salary of seventy-five dollars per month, while actually employed during the oyster season, and they shall be stationed at such places as in the judgment of said Commission their services may be needed. There shall also be appointed by the Commission not over five special inspectors for Baltimore City, at a salary of ninety dollars per month, while actually employed during the oyster season. Before assuming the duties of their offices the said special inspectors shall take an oath, to be administered by the Commission, to diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their said offices; each said special inspector shall inspect all oysters in the district to which he is assigned; upon the inspection of any such oysters, each special inspector shall make a certificate of the number of bushels in triplicate, one of which shall be given to the purchaser, one to the seller and the other daily to the general measurer and inspector of the district where such inspection occurred; in order to help defray the expenses occasioned by the inspection of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland as provided for by this section and by the other sections of this Article, including the expense of the State Fishery Force growing out of the inspection by it of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland as required by the various provisions of this Article, an inspection charge of two cents per bushel is hereby levied upon all oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, unloaded from vessels at the place in Maryland where said oysters are to be no further shipped in bulk in vessels, to be charged

<sup>1</sup> Sec. 2 of ch. 517 of acts of 1931 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency, and sec. 3 provides: "That the provisions of this act shall not take effect until a similar act becomes effective in the State of Virginia, whereupon the Governor of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring the provisions of this act to be effective."