

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 of 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.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit or allow the catching or removing of oysters measuring less than three inches from hinge to mouth.¹

86. Repealed by ch. 124 of the Acts of 1927.

Packing Oysters.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 91. 1912, sec. 79. 1904, sec. 77. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 66.
1900, ch. 380. 1906, ch. 188, sec. 77. 1922, ch. 519, sec. 79.
1927, ch. 119, sec. 91.

91. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation having a fixed place of business, buying oysters and employing labor to prepare them for market to engage in the business of buying, selling, marketing, packing or canning oysters without first taking out a license to engage in such business by application to the Conservation Department of Maryland. Where any such person, firm or corporation operates more than one house for the buying, selling, marketing, packing or canning of oysters, a separate license shall be obtained for each house in which oysters are shucked or otherwise prepared for market; such license to be in the nature and form of a contract between the State of Maryland and the applicant and shall provide for the payment of a license fee of twenty-five dollars, and shall further provide that the licensee must turn over to the State of Maryland at least ten per cent. of the shells from the oysters shucked in his establishment for the current season, said shells to be removed on or before the twentieth day of August of said season; or at the discretion of

¹ Sec. 2 of ch. 122 of acts of 1927 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency.