

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.

**75.** 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 equally to the buyer and seller, but to be paid weekly to the Comptroller of the State Treasury or his agent, by the buyers; the certificate given the general measurer or inspector shall be by him mailed weekly to the Comptroller or his agent and in case the amounts of money shown to be due be not paid in one week thereafter to the Comptroller or his agent, which is hereby required to be done, the properties of the parties so indebted may be levied on and sold by the said Comptroller or his agent, as in cases of taxes in default, without other process of law; the said inspection charge of two cents per bushel hereby levied is also made a charge on oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland and sold by commission merchants and others selling by less than the cargo; and also an inspection charge of six cents per barrel containing not more than three bushels of oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland; on oysters caught within the limits of the State of Maryland contained in bags an inspection charge of four cents per bag containing not more than two bushels; and all transportation companies carrying oysters in the shell caught within the limits of the State of Maryland, consigned to Baltimore, shall furnish to the oyster inspector or collector of oyster tax, a copy of their manifest showing the number of bushels on board on arrival of steamer and to whom consigned, and the special inspectors are charged with the duty of seeing that the proper returns are made for the purpose of this section by such commission merchant or retailer, and in performance of their duty the said special inspectors are authorized and directed to visit places where oysters caught within the limits of the State