

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 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 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 inspectors 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 inspectors a certificate thereof to be forwarded to the Comptroller as required in the case of certificates for cargo, 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. The Commissioner of Fisheries shall furnish to each of the county inspectors and deputy 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 certificate shall be as follows:

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I hereby certify that I have this date 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.

Signed.....]¹

An. Code, 1924, sec. 82. 1912, sec. 71. 1914, ch. 154. 1916, ch. 702, sec. 71. 1922, ch. 279, sec. 71.

76. The special inspectors provided for in Section 75 of this Article shall likewise inspect in the manner set forth in said Section 75 all oysters caught beyond the limits of the State of Maryland and brought within said State, and an inspection charge of two-thirds of a cent per bushel is hereby levied in order to help defray the expense of such inspection upon all oysters 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 and 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

¹ This section added by Ch. 353, 1939, but as said Act is subject to referendum vote at the November election, 1940, said Act will not become effective unless a majority of the voters voting thereon are in favor of said Act. If said Act is approved, this section will become effective Dec. 5, 1940.