

all employees of the Conservation Commission employed in the game or fresh water fisheries, shall be and remain under the Merit System and no employee shall have his or her status under the Merit System altered by reason of his or her transfer to the Commission of Game and Inland Fish.

No member of the Commission, nor any one who has served as a member thereof within one year prior to the occurrence of a vacancy, shall be eligible for selection as Game Warden. The Game Warden shall have charge of, direct, supervise and control all deputy game wardens and employees of the Commission.

The Game Warden shall have authority to have printed the Annual Report of the Commission, and such bulletins, literature, posters, licenses and other printing as may be necessary to the work of the Commission, including the publication now known as the "Maryland Conservationist."

It shall be the duty of the Commissioners, the Game Warden and Deputy Game Warden to prosecute all persons and corporations having in their possession any game or inland fish contrary to the laws of this State. It shall be their duty to see that the game and fish laws are enforced, and they are particularly directed to enforce the muskrat laws.

1939, ch. 354, sec. 4.

5. Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value and breeding habits of wild birds, wild animals, and fish in inland waters, the Commission is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority to determine when, to what extent, if at all, and by what means it is desirable to restrict or prohibit in any degree the provisions of law obtaining in any county in this State for the hunting, taking, capture, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage or export of any wild bird, wild animals, or fish from inland waters, and may, upon its own initiative or upon written petition of fifty licensed residents of any county, propose regulations for such purpose. The full text of any regulations proposed shall be published ten days before the same may be acted upon and shall name the time and place that the matters mentioned therein will be taken up, at which time any interested citizen shall be heard. Such publication shall be made in a newspaper published in the county and if there be none such, in a newspaper in an adjoining county or section, or in such manner as may be convenient. If the Commission is satisfied that the proposed regulation, or any part thereof is advisable, such regulation, or any part thereof, may be adopted in the manner directed for proposing the same and shall name the date when it is to become effective. It shall be a misdemeanor to violate such regulation, or any part thereof, and any person convicted of such violation shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and may be sentenced to thirty (30) days in jail, either, or both, in the discretion of the court or justice before whom said person shall be tried. A copy of any regulation adopted by the Commission shall be mailed to the Clerk of the Circuit Court who shall make a record thereof and cause the same to be posted in front of the Court House of the County.

1939, ch. 354, sec. 5.

6. The Game Warden shall have the power to appoint deputy game wardens to assist him in more efficiently enforcing the game and inland fish laws of this State, he may issue a commission signed by him to such