

1882, ch. 180.

**288.** The sneak boat, such as is specified in section 287, shall be a flat-bottom batteau or other boat, with bush or canvas blinds, and shall be engaged *bona fide* in shooting or gunning over decoys, and no other boat shall be licensed as a sneak boat; no sailing boat or skiff, or other boat engaged in hunting or shooting crippled ducks, or in purloining ducks that have been killed and are drifting, shall be licensed as a sneak boat; and the special police authorized to be appointed by section 296, are authorized to arrest any person who may be discovered in the act of hunting or shooting crippled ducks, or in purloining ducks that have been killed by other persons having a proper license to shoot, as well as other persons violating the provisions of this section, and upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of Harford or Cecil counties, the license of such person shall be revoked, and such person, whether licensed or not, shall be fined not less than twenty dollars for each offence, and shall forfeit the boat and gun, and material so employed in violation of the provisions of this section, which boat and gun, and material shall be sold, and the amount of such fine and proceeds of such sale, after the costs of prosecution have been paid, shall go to the officer making the arrest; and the possession of any ducks or gun, by any such boat so offending, shall be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of this section.

1872, ch. 54.

**289.** Every applicant, before obtaining such license, shall pay to the clerk of the circuit court, to which he may apply for the same, the following rates, viz: for a sink-box, twenty dollars, and for a sneak-boat, five dollars, for each and every gunning season, as fixed by section 279; and it shall be the duty of each and every person obtaining a license, to exhibit the same whenever called upon by any officer of the State, or any other person authorized to demand the same, or who may be empowered to enforce the provisions of sections 278-301; and every sink-box and sneak-boat used and employed in gunning after wild water-fowl, shall be licensed as required by sections 286-301, and be subject to all the provisions of the several sections thereof.