

WILD FOWL.

1882, ch. 278.

259. If any person at any time shall use or have in his possession, or sell, or dispose of, any sink-boat, sneak-boat, float, or big or swivel gun, with the intent and for the purpose of shooting at or killing wild ducks or water fowl of any kind, in any of the waters of Baltimore or Harford counties, or of the Chesapeake bay, adjacent thereto, up to the middle of said bay, every such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction of having violated this section, shall pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars for each and every offence; and the possession, or sale, or disposition by any person of any sink-boat, sneak-boat, or big or swivel gun, in either of said counties, or the waters aforesaid, shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence of its being possessed, or sold, or disposed of, with the intent, and for the purpose of shooting at or killing wild ducks or other water fowl in the said waters; and any big or swivel gun found at any place in either of said counties, unclaimed, may lawfully be seized by any person and destroyed or rendered useless.

Ibid.

260. If any person shall shoot at or kill any wild duck or other water fowl of any kind, in any manner, whether from the shore or otherwise, in the night time, in, on or over the waters aforesaid, or the shores thereof, every such person, whether engaged therein directly or indirectly, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction of having violated this section shall pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars for each and every offence; and if it shall be proved that the party charged with shooting at or killing any wild duck or other water fowl in the night time, was at or about the place at which a shot was fired, and that he had a gun in his possession on the night in question, in the vicinity thereof, either prior to, at the time of, or after such firing, such facts shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence of his having violated the provisions of this section.

Ibid.

261. If any person shall shoot at or do any act or thing whatsoever with the intent and for the purpose of frightening and