

1898, ch. 206.

15 p. Any person in this State above the age of eighteen years, engaged in the killing of birds or mammals, or the collecting of eggs for purely scientific purposes, shall be exempt from the provisions of this sub title, provided that said person shall first obtain a certificate in writing from the State game warden to the effect that such person is engaged in the scientific study of ornithology or mammalogy; and to obtain such certificate, such person must first file with the State game warden an application and an affidavit to the truth and *bona fides* thereof, made by the person requesting the same, and taken before any officer authorized to administer an oath in this State, which application and affidavit shall be retained and kept on file by said State game warden; but the possession of such birds, or their eggs or mammals without certificate, during any of the aforesaid dates, between which, it is hereinbefore made unlawful to shoot and collect the same, shall in all cases be *prima facie* evidence against such person.

Ibid.

15 q. The justices of the peace of this State, in and for the city or county wherein the offense shall be committed shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all prosecutions for the purpose of enforcing fines and penalties, collectible under the provisions of this sub-title, and all such fines and penalties are hereby expressly made subject to the provisions of section 25 of this article, and in all cases where such prosecutions are begun or instituted by any person other than the State game warden or one of the deputy game wardens of this State, and shall result in the collection of a fine or fines, then one-half of such fine or fines, after the proper court costs or magistrate's costs in the trial and decision of the case shall have been paid, shall be paid to the informer, and the other half to the school fund of the city or county in which said prosecution is conducted.

Ibid.

15 r. All acts or parts of acts and all sections and parts of sections of the code, both of general and local laws, now in force in the State of Maryland, inconsistent with the provisions of this sub-title are hereby repealed; provided, nothing in this