

tion of this section shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars for each offense on conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction; one-half of said fine to go to the informer and the other one-half to the Comptroller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, unless the informer be an officer of the State fishery force. And the general inspectors and measurers or special inspectors shall be on duty continuously during the working or delivery hours, viz: from 6 A. M. to 8 P. M.

1900, ch. 380.

**12.** It shall be the duty of general measurers and inspectors of oysters and other officers of the police force to supervise the operation of this article and diligently to aid in the enforcement of its provisions, and they or any of them are authorized and empowered to enter into any house or boat or any other place where oysters may be dumped or stored, to inspect the same at any time, and any packer, commission man or boatman who shall refuse to open his house or boat where oysters may be dumped or stored for the inspection thereof by the officer whose duty it shall be to inspect the same, and any person who shall conspire or agree with any other person to evade any of the provisions of this article, or who shall connive at or participate in such violation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in section eleven of this article.

#### **Time for Taking Oysters.**

1900, ch. 380.

**14.** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his or their possession between the twenty-fifth day of April and the first day of September in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the twenty-fifth day of April may be disposed of at any time before the thirtieth day of April; nor shall it be construed to prevent any person from taking oysters at any time from his private beds within the State for private