

are hereby forbidden to handle or interfere with the oysters in or upon the tub or measure for the purpose of pressing or pushing down same, under penalty of removal from office and a fine of ten dollars for each offense.

Packing Oysters.

1900, ch. 380.

66. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of packing or canning oysters without first taking out a license to engage in such business by application under oath from the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county in which the place of business of such applicant may be situated, or from the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, if the place of business of such applicant shall be in Baltimore city, and such applicant shall state the number of bushels of oysters which he expects shucked during the succeeding eight months, and at the time of issuing such license shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars for such license, and in addition thereto the sum of one dollar per thousand bushels for every thousand bushels over ten thousand bushels, so as aforesaid estimated in his application, as the total number of bushels to be shucked during said season, and all said moneys received for said licenses shall be paid over and accounted for by the said several clerks of courts to the Comptroller of the State, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, as provided by section 29 of this article. It shall be the duty of each person, firm or corporation obtaining a license under this section to make a sworn report and return, under oath, within thirty days after the twenty-fifth day of April in each year, to the clerk of the court from which he may have obtained such license, of the total amount or number of bushels of oysters shucked by him during the season preceding said twenty-fifth day of April, and to pay to said clerk the further license money of one dollar per thousand for each thousand bushels of oysters shucked by himself or his firm or corporation during such season over and above the estimate given in his application for a license, which report or return shall be forwarded to the Comptroller; and if said report or return shall