

21. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters, or to have oysters in his or their possession, between the twentieth day of April and the first day of September, in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the twentieth day of April, may be disposed of at any time before the twentieth day of April; provided, that this section shall not prevent transportation companies from carrying oysters brought from other States, nor hotel and restaurant keepers, or private persons, from purchasing oysters outside of the State of Maryland, nor shall it be construed to prevent any person from taking oysters for private use, or transplanting or cultivating, not for sale at any time from his private beds within the State; persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

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21 A. Any person who shall violate any provisions of sections twenty to twenty-one A inclusive, of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any tribunal of competent jurisdiction for such offences in this State, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars, in the discretion of the judge of the court or tribunal in which such person shall be tried, or imprisoned in the county or city jail, or in the house of correction, for not less than one month, nor more than twelve months, in the discretion of the judge or justice trying the same; provided, however, that any owner, master or person in charge of a canoe, boat or vessel used in taking or catching oysters with rakes or tongs, who shall be convicted of having in possession, on said canoe, boat or vessel, oysters containing more than five per cent. of shells and small oysters, as provided, in section twenty A, shall be fined a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, in the discretion of the judge of the court, or the justice of the peace before whom such person shall be tried; and one-half of every fine imposed for aviolation of this act shall be paid to the informer, and such informer shall be entitled to receive the same though he be an officer of the State or of any city or county therein.

Penalty

28. The Board of Public Works shall have power to remove any officer of said force for neglect of duty or incompetency, and the commander of the force shall have power to suspend any officer of the force for a period of not exceeding, thirty days for any neglect of duty, with the consent of the said Board of Public Works, and any officer commanding in said force, shall have power to remove any subordinate under his command, and appoint a person to fill the

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