

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted*, That it shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, or in any manner destroy, the diamond-back terrapin eggs. Not to destroy eggs.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted*, That none but *bona fide* citizens of the counties of this State bordering upon the waters of the same shall take or catch diamond-back terrapins from said waters. Who shall catch

SEC. 5. *Be it enacted*, That any person or persons violating the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of the same, before a justice of the peace in the county in which the offence shall have been committed, he, she or they shall be fined a sum not less than five nor more than ten dollars for each diamond-back terrapin so taken or caught, or for destroying any diamond-back terrapin eggs, one-half of said fine to go to the informer and the balance to be paid over by the said justice of the peace to the County Commissioners of said county, to be by them disbursed for the benefit of said county; said fine to be collected as other fines and forfeitures are now collected. Penalty for violation

SEC. 6. *Be it enacted*, That the possession of any diamond-back terrapin by any person or persons within the time prescribed by this act, prohibiting the taking and catching of the same, shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence that said person or persons have violated the provisions of this act. Possession evidence of violation

SEC. 7. *Be it enacted*, That the constables of the several counties of this State shall, upon the information of any one, arrest all persons violating the provisions of this act, and carry them before the nearest justice of the peace of the county wherein such offence shall have been committed, to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of section five of this act. Constables to arrest

SEC. 8. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall take In force. effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1878.