

title, buoys, boundaries, extent or location of any leased grounds within the area designated by this Act shall be decided by the Circuit Court of Calvert county in the same manner in which similar controversies are decided by the Courts of Justice in Maryland, with the right of appeal to the Court of Appeals.

“Sec. 12. And be it enacted, That any person who shall without authority take oysters from grounds leased under the provisions of this Act, or in any way destroy or damage the oysters thereon, or remove any of the same, or interfere with the stakes, buoys or monuments marking the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the jail or penitentiary in the discretion of the court, for a term not exceeding two years.

“Sec. 13. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of all officers and members of the State Fishery Force to arrest persons violating this Act. It shall further be the duty of the officers and members of the State Fishery Force to fully protect the beds which may have been laid down by lessees or holders of any part of the area mentioned in this Act.

“Sec. 14. And be it enacted, That no boat shall dredge, scrape or tong for oysters at any time of the year in any part of the area mentioned in this Act; provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any lessee or holder of land leased under this Act from employing upon the land so leased or held by him any kind of sail boat he may desire to use. Any person who shall violate the provisions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined, for each offence, not more than two hundred dollars and be imprisoned not more than one year.

“Sec. 15. Any lessee or holder of oyster land leased under the provisions of this Act shall have the right to protect the oysters and oyster beds on the land so leased or held in the same manner as the fishery force of the State of Maryland is authorized to protect the public oyster beds, bars and rocks under the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The oysters