

toms have been so located as aforesaid, the said locations shall be published in such newspapers in the city of Baltimore and of the several tide water counties as may be designated by the Shell Fish Commissioners; such notice stating that such bottoms as have been laid off and marked are closed against any and all persons for a period of two full years from the first day of August in the year in which the oyster shells have been scattered or deposited thereon, or until the Shell Fish Commissioners shall remove said buoys and other visible marks and bounds and give notice of the opening thereof

“Sec. 71. And be it enacted, That after such notice of the closing of said bottoms shall have been given and published as herein provided, any person who shall in any manner at any time take or catch oysters from said bottoms shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or be sentenced to be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for a period not exceeding six months, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the Court. The fines collected under this Act shall be placed to the credit of the Oyster Fund.

“Sec. 72. And be it enacted, That any person who shall wilfully or knowingly destroy or remove any floating buoy or other visible mark placed as hereinbefore provided to designate said bottoms upon which oyster shells have been scattered and deposited shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace or by a Circuit Court of the counties of this State or one of the Criminal Courts of Baltimore city, shall be sentenced to confinement in the House of Correction for not less than six months.

“Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any prosecution for violation of the existing laws of this State or for offenses against the same, committed before the passage of this Act; and that all Acts or parts of Acts in-