

Chapter 465.

AN ACT for the better protection of partridges in Carroll county.

When unlawful.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons in Carroll county to shoot, kill or in any manner destroy or trap any partridge or partridges at any time between the date of the passage of this act and the first day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-four; nor shall any person during such period destroy or molest the eggs or nests of said birds in said county.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person violating the preceding section or any of its provisions shall pay a fine of ten dollars for each and every partridge so shot, killed, destroyed or in any manner caught or trapped, or for any eggs or nests so molested or destroyed, said fine or fines to be recovered before a justice of the peace of said county or by indictment in the circuit court of said county, and in default of payment of the fine or fines imposed hereunder, the offender shall be committed to jail for not more than thirty days for each offence, and the non-payment of each and every fine shall be considered a separate offence within the meaning hereof; one-half of all said fines shall go to the informer, and the remainder to the county commissioners of said county, to be placed to the credit of the school fund of said county.

What constitutes evidence

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the possession, by any person within said county, of any partridge or partridges mentioned in this act as shot, killed, destroyed or trapped shall be *prima facie* evidence of the commission of such offence as aforesaid.

Effective.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 3, 1882.