

CHAPTER 244.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 22A of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, (1929 Supplement), title "Oysters," subtitle "Dredging."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 22A of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Oysters," subtitle "Dredging," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

Section 22A. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or employ in catching or taking oysters in the waters of the State or to have in his possession any scoop, dredge, scrape or similar instrument having a tooth bar more than 42 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth on dredges used in dredging on rock bottoms and 44 inches in length measuring from the outside teeth on dredges used in dredging on mud bottoms, and of a weight not exceeding 200 pounds. No "devil catcher," "devil diver" or similar device shall be had in possession or used on any dredge boat or vessel by any captain or any other person for the purpose of being attached to the dredge for steering same to the bottom.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined the sum of \$50.00, and in addition thereto such scoop, dredge, scrape or similar instrument shall be confiscated. Upon second offense, in addition to the above penalties, any license which may have been issued under the provisions of Section 23, of this Article, to the person so convicted shall be revoked for the remainder of the season for which said license was issued.

All Deputy Commanders and Inspectors of the State Fishery Patrol are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to make an inspection of all boats and vessels engaged in the catching of oysters, for the purpose of ascertaining whether such boat or vessel is equipped or has on board any scoop, dredge, scrape or similar instrument which does not comply with the provisions of this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1933.

Approved April 21, 1933.