

**Chapter 395.**

AN ACT to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons in Somerset and Dorchester counties.

Penalty for carrying concealed weapons.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever any person shall be arrested in Somerset and Dorchester counties, charged with any crime or misdemeanor, or for being drunk or disorderly, or any breach of the peace of the said counties, and any such person shall be found to have concealed about his person any pistol, dirk-knife, slung-shot, billy, brass, iron or other metal knuckles, razor or any other deadly weapon whatsoever, such person shall be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars, in the discretion of the justice of the peace before whom such person may be taken, which said fine shall be collected as other fines are now collected; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to those persons who, as conservators of the peace, are entitled or required to carry a pistol or other weapon as a part of their official equipment.

Proviso.

Fines—how disposed of.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the fines collected under this act shall be paid by the officer collecting the same to the school commissioners of said counties for school purposes.

Refuse to arrest.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any constable of the said counties, or the sheriff thereof, who shall refuse to arrest any person violating any provision of this act, upon information of such offense, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before the circuit court for said counties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before the circuit court for said counties, shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, and shall be forthwith discharged from office.

Penalty.

Effective.

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

Approved April 8, 1884.