

## CHAPTER 293.

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of a game warden and deputy game wardens, and to provide for the more vigorous enforcement of the game and fish laws of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of this State shall, immediately upon the passage of this act, and thereafter on the first day of April in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and every two years thereafter, appoint a game warden for this State, whose term of office shall be for two years, or until his successor be appointed. The said game warden shall receive a salary from the State for his services of five hundred dollars per annum, and shall receive a portion of the fines arising from the violation of the game and fish laws, when the offenders shall be prosecuted by said game warden or his deputy game wardens, as hereinafter provided. The said game warden may be removed by the Governor of this State at any time upon proof, satisfactory to him, that said game warden is not vigorously enforcing the game or fish laws of this State, or is not a fit person for said position. In this act the word "game" shall be taken to embrace deer, wild turkey, primatted grouse, roffled grouse, known as "pheasants," Mongolian and English pheasants, woodcock, partridges or quail, rabbits, squirrels, ducks, geese and all other species of wild fowl.

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SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the said game warden and his deputy game wardens to prosecute all persons or corporations having in their possession any game or fish contrary to either the general or local game or fish laws of this State. It shall also be their duty to see that the game and fish laws are enforced and obtain information as to all violations of the said game and fish laws.

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game laws.

SEC. 3. Whenever the game warden considers that it is necessary that he should have deputy game wardens appointed to assist him in more efficiently enforcing the game and fish laws of this State, he may apply to the Governor to commission such persons as he may designate to act as deputy game wardens in any of the counties or in Baltimore city, to enforce the game and fish laws of this State, and carry out all the purposes of this act. Such persons need not be residents of the county or city for which they are appointed. If the Governor approve such persons he may appoint them deputy game wardens. Such deputy game wardens shall not receive a salary from the

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