

Penalty. subject to a fine of fifty dollars, upon conviction before any justice of the peace, one-half of said fine to be paid to the informer and the other half to the Comptroller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund.

Exempted waters. 65. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to use any vessel licensed to take or catch oysters in the waters of this State, in taking or catching oysters with scoop, scrape, dredge, tongs or rake, or any similar instrument, east of a straight line from Richland point to Pone point, on the lower end of Bloodworth island, in the State of Maryland; provided, that this act shall not apply to bona fide resident citizens of Dorchester county licensed to take or catch oysters in the waters of said county.

Packer's license. Cost of license. 66. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of packing or canning oysters for sale or transportation, shall, on or before the first day of September in each year, take out a license to engage in such business, by application, under oath, to the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which the place of business of such applicant may be situated, or to the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, if the place of business of such applicant shall be in Baltimore city; and such applicant shall state the number of bushels of oysters which is proposed to be packed by himself, or his firm or corporation, during the succeeding eight months; and at the time of issuing such license shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars for such license, and in addition thereto, the sum of one dollar per thousand bushels, for every thousand bushels over ten thousand bushels, so as aforesaid estimated in his application, as the total number of bushels to be packed during said season, and all said moneys received for said license shall be paid over and accounted for by the said several clerks of courts to the Comptroller of the State, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, as provided by section 29 of this article. It shall further be the duty of each person, firm or corporation obtaining a license under this section, to make a sworn report, and return under oath within thirty days after the twenty-fifth day of April in each year, to the clerk of the court from which he may have obtained such license, of the total amount or number of bushels of oysters packed or canned by him during the season preceding said twenty-fifth day of April, and to pay to said clerk the further license money of one dollar per thousand bushels, for each thousand bushels of oysters packed or canned by himself, or his firm or corporation during