

inclusive; and at the same time the said Commander of the State Fishery Force shall make assignments of the said general measurers and inspectors of oysters to the districts in which they are to perform their duties for the whole oyster season, providing for a weekly change from district to district, so that no general measurer and inspector of oysters shall serve more than one week at a time in any one district, and in changing the inspectors and measurers from district to district whenever practicable, they shall be transported by the State Fishery Force without charge for passage.

62. All general measurers and inspectors of oysters shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars per month each, as salary, during the time they are engaged in the duties of their respective offices, to be paid by the Treasurer on the warrant of the Comptroller; and to help provide for the payment of the salaries of said general measurers and inspectors the sum of ten cents per hundred bushels of oysters sold is hereby levied as a tax on all oysters sold, to be paid by the seller and to be collected by the buyer, when oysters are sold by the cargo or at wholesale, and when sold at retail by commission merchants selling oysters, to be collected by said commission merchants; and any seller who shall refuse to pay the said ten cents per one hundred bushels of oysters, and any buyer or commission merchant who shall refuse to collect and account for the moneys so collected, as well as all other persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article from sections 57 to 62, both inclusive, or who shall interfere with the general measurers and inspectors of oysters in the discharge of their duties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction before any justice of the peace or court of competent jurisdiction shall pay a fine of twenty dollars and costs, one-half of said fine to the informer and the other half to the Comptroller to the credit of the oyster fund; in default of fine and costs the party convicted shall be confined in jail for not more than twenty days. It shall be the duty of all buyers of oysters or commission merchants to collect the said tax and monthly report to the Comptroller, under oath, the amount so collected, accompanied by a check, in payment of the amount so collected, and the Comptroller is hereby directed to apply the receipts therefrom, first, to the payment of the salaries of the general measurers and inspectors of oysters; and secondly, to the credit of the oyster fund. Any person who shall fail to collect said tax shall be liable on conviction to a fine in double the amount of such tax not collected, to be applied as afore-