

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That an additional section be and the same is hereby added to Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," as amended by Acts of 1894, chapter 380, and to be designated as section 67 B. New section added.

67 B. All shucked oysters opened at any oyster house in this State or any other place where oysters are opened or sold as a business or delivered to proprietors of any such oyster house or other place, shall be shucked by the gallon, and not by the can, or vessel of any other name and designation, and it shall not be lawful for the proprietor of any such place to contract with any person to shuck or open oysters at any such house or for the proprietors thereof for the purpose of shipping the same to the customers of said proprietor otherwise than by the gallon. The said oyster house or the proprietors thereof may, in consideration of the quantity of water contained in shucked oysters, use a cup, which is hereby declared and determined to be an oyster gallon cup, which shall contain nine pints, and no more, and no other than this standard measure or said oyster gallon cup shall be used in said houses or by the proprietors thereof, in measuring any oysters received by them from the shuckers. Said oyster gallon cup shall be inspected and stamped by the same officer in the city of Baltimore or in any of the counties of the State, as is now required by law to inspect and stamp measures, and the person neglecting so to have the same stamped and inspected shall be subject to the same fines and penalties as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law for neglecting to have inspected and stamped the said gallon measure, and any person using any other measure than the one above prescribed in any such oyster house or similar place in this State or any proprietor of any of said house using any other than the above prescribed measures to measure any oysters received by him from shuckers, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any justice of the peace in said city or county, shall be fined not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, in the discretion of the justice of the peace trying the same, and shall stand committed until such fine and costs are paid, which fine shall be paid to the State of Maryland; but the person so convicted shall have the right of appeal, as now provided by law in other criminal cases. Oysters shucked by the gallon.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect September 1, 1898. Effective.

Approved April 9, 1898.