

CHAPTER 574.

AN ACT to regulate hunting of wild fowl on the waters of the Patuxent river and its tributaries and marshes and their tributaries by members of incorporated hunting clubs; and to provide for the issuance of licenses for the same; and to make said members residents for the purposes of hunting.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all bona fide members of any hunting club incorporated and organized on or before the first day of May, 1904, under the laws of the State of Maryland, and owning or leasing real estate therein within one mile of the Patuxent river, and improved by a club house, and the membership of which does not exceed thirty, shall be considered bona fide residents of the State of Maryland within the meaning and intention of this Act; provided, that such members exhibit, when demanded by any authorized officer of the law, as evidence of his membership a card bearing his name, the corporate seal and name of his club and the signature of the president and secretary thereof; provided, that said club shall pay to the clerk of the Circuit Court wherein same may be located a fee of fifty dollars, to be known and designated as "Club License," and upon the payment of which all the bona fide members of said club shall be deemed residents of the State of Maryland in the meaning of this Act; provided, however, that in addition to the above requirements the secretary of said club shall file with the clerk of the circuit court of the county wherein said club may be located a certified list of the membership of said club on or before the first day of September of each year; and there shall be posted at the same time in a conspicuous place on the premises of said club a certified list of its members and their place of residence; provided, further, that if there shall be issued to any person a membership card other than a bona fide member of said club by the president and secretary as above prescribed, or if any club member shall transfer his membership card to any person not a member of said club, the license issued as aforesaid to said club license shall become forfeited, and said club so violating this provision of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, in addition to the forfeiture of the license aforesaid, shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty, nor more than one hundred dollars; and said fine shall be collected as other debts are collected before a justice of the peace, one-half of said fine to be paid to the County Commissioners of the county wherein said club is located for the use of the public roads thereof, and the other half to the informer; and service upon the keeper of said club, or any one in charge