

shellfish life, or the propagation, cultivation or conservation thereof, or to their safety as human food, or in any manner a menace to said fish or shellfish whether private or public property, in any waters of the State, the Conservation Commission of Maryland shall forthwith investigate the matter, and if it be so found shall serve a notice in writing on the person, firm or corporation, by whose act, default or sufferance such condition may arise or continue, requiring the abatement of the same within a time to be fixed by the Commission and to be specified in the notice, under a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars, or imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than three years, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the Court. It shall be construed as a separate and distinct offense for each day the nuisance is permitted to continue after the expiration of the time limit set forth in the notice for the abatement of such nuisance, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to alter, change, modify or restrict the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health of Maryland; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Sewerage Disposal Plant of any city, town or county in this State.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws, whether general or local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and the same hereby are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved June 27th, 1917.