

March 20, 1910, nor pending prosecution for past offenses.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 13, 1910.

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CHAPTER 735.

AN ACT to increase the productivity of the natural oyster beds or bars of this State, and for that purpose to repeal Section 69 of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, and to re-enact said section with amendments; and to add to said Article a new section, to come in after Section 69, and to be known as Section 69A, and to add five other new sections to said Article, to come in after Section 119, and to be known as Sections 120, 121, 122, 123 and 124, respectively.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," be and the same is hereby amended by repealing Section 69 of said Article and re-enacted the same with amendments by adding thereto a new section, to be known as Section 69A, to come in after said Section 69 as re-enacted, and by adding thereto five other new sections, to come in after Section 119, and to be numbered Sections 120, 121, 122, 123 and 124, respectively; and that said Section 69 as re-enacted and said new Sections 69A, 120, 121, 122, 123 and 124 shall read as follows:

SEC. 69. It shall be the duty of the Commander of the State Fishery Force, at the commencement of or during the oyster season in each year, to appoint from the counties producing oysters for packing purposes in the State, not exceeding twenty special inspectors, to be appointed as follows: Two each from Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, Talbot and Wicomico counties; three each from Dorchester, Somerset and Queen Anne's counties, and one each from Kent, Calvert and Charles counties, at a salary of forty-five dollars per month, during the oyster season, and they shall be stationed at such places as in the judgment of the Commander of the State Fishery Force their services may be needed. Before assuming the duties of their offices the said special inspectors shall take an oath, to be administered by said Commander, to diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their said offices. The said special inspectors shall inspect all oysters in the district to which he is assigned; upon the inspection of any such oysters each special inspector shall make a certificate of the number of bushels in triplicate, one of which shall be given to the purchaser;