

to and from the shooting grounds or to prevent shooting over or gathering wounded or dead wild fowl, in good faith, from boats propelled only by oars, and not equipped with either sails or engines, when so used within a reasonable distance from the shore; and provided, second, that any person or persons other than those convicted of violating the provisions of this Section who may own in part or whole any boat, gun or paraphernalia adjudged to be confiscated or ordered to be sold, as above provided, may intervene by sworn petition in the court of such conviction within ten days thereafter, and make claim to such boat or other property; and upon affirmative proof to the satisfaction of the court of such ownership and of the further facts that such owner or owners were, after making due inquiry as above required, in fact without knowledge or notice of any kind, direct or indirect, in advance of the use made or intended to be made of such boat, guns or paraphernalia, and did not, directly or indirectly, participate therein or connive thereat, and did not, in person or by agent, loan or rent or permit the use of such boat, guns or paraphernalia to any person or persons who, to his or their knowledge or information, intended or were likely to violate the provisions of this Section, or who had heretofore pursued wild fowl on the waters of this State in boats and did not in person or by agent or employee act upon such boat as the operator or navigator thereof, then and thereupon the said court shall strike out the judgment of confiscation as to so much of said boat, guns or paraphernalia as the court shall from the evidence affirmatively find belongs to such bona fide innocent owner, and shall order the sale only of the remaining share or shares and interest in said boat, guns and other paraphernalia; provided, that nothing herein contained shall apply to sink boxes nor to motor boats running with the wind while shooting over decoys, nor to retrieving or shooting wounded wild water fowl which have been wounded over decoys, if said sink boxes and motor boats running with the wind while gunning over decoys or retrieving ducks, wounded or killed over decoys occurs northward of a line drawn east and west from Turkey Point, in Cecil County, and Locust Point, in Harford County.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws, passed at this Session or at any previous sessions of the Legislature, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, and that this Act shall take effect from the 1st day of June, 1916.

Approved April 18th, 1916.