

CHAPTER 310.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "St. Mary's County", sub-title "Fish", to be known as Section 51A and to follow immediately after Section 51 of said Article, the said new section prohibiting persons other than citizens of St. Mary's County from catching and taking fish, except by hook and line, and from catching and taking crabs in the waters of the Chaptico Bay and other tributaries of the Wicomico river within the limits of said County, and imposing penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "St. Mary's County", sub-title "Fish", to be known as Section 51A, to follow immediately after Section 51 of said Article, and to read as follows:

51A. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons, to take or catch fish with a seine, purse net, trap net, pound net, fike net, or any kind of a device for catching fish, in the waters of the Chaptico Bay and other tributaries of the Wicomico river within the limits of St. Mary's County within five hundred yards of any established ducking blind located upon said Chaptico Bay or other tributary of the Wicomico River in St. Mary's County during the open season for shooting ducks or other wild fowl. Any person violating the provisions of this section, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense; and any boat or vessel and the tackle thereof used in violating this section may be seized and, in default of payment of the said fine, may be sold in the manner provided in Sections 49 and 50 of this sub-title. From the proceeds of the said sale, after deducting the amount of said fine and of the costs of the prosecution and of the sale, the balance shall be paid to the owner of said boat or vessel. In default of the said fine, any person convicted of violating this section may be imprisoned in the county jail not more than thirty days.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.