

any oysters taken from the natural rocks, beds or bars in the waters of this State, until he has first obtained for each cargo a permit to do so from the Deputy Commander or Inspector from whose district said cargo is to be taken, and has paid to the Deputy Commander or Inspector an inspection tax of four cents per bushel on the number of bushels in said cargo in order to defray the cost of such inspection; said inspection tax on oysters shall attach irrespective of actual sale of oysters and shall be effective prior to shucking or shipping same.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall upon conviction be fined the sum of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars and the boat or vessel, together with her tackle used in the violation shall be forfeited to the State to be dealt with in accordance with Section 31; and all oysters found on said vessel shall be returned to the beds whence taken.

All taxes collected under the provisions of this Act shall be remitted to the Conservation Department and forwarded to the Comptroller or State Treasurer to be placed to the credit of the Conservation Fund.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to permit or allow the catching or removing of oysters measuring less than three inches from hinge to mouth.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws of the State of Maryland, general or local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1927.

Approved March 25, 1927.

CHAPTER 123.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 156, 158 and 161 of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Oysters," sub-title "Reserved Areas."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 156, 158 and 161 of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Oysters," sub-title "Reserved Areas," be and are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows: