

10. If the Game Warden or any Deputy Game Warden or Police Officer, Constable or any other person has reason to believe that any person has in his possession, contrary to law, any game as defined by law, fish, or unlawful device being used in violation hereof, it shall be the duty of said officers to go before any Justice of the Peace of the County or City in which the game, fish or unlawful device is supposed to be and make affidavit of that fact; said Justice shall thereupon issue a search warrant against the person so complained of, directed to the officer making the affidavit for said warrant, commanding him to proceed at once and search for said game, fish or unlawful device, and, upon finding the same, to seize and take possession thereof and keep it until further order by the Justice. The said officer shall read said warrant to the owner or person in whose possession said game, fish or unlawful device is supposed to be. Said warrant shall be returnable within not less than forty-eight hours from the date thereof.

(a) Provided, however, that if the Game Warden or one of his salaried Deputies has reason to believe that game, fish or unlawful device are in possession in violation of the game or fish laws of this State, and, in his opinion, it is not possible or practical to secure a search warrant in time to seize said game, fish or unlawful devices so in possession, then he may without a warrant examine any boat, railway car, box, crate, package or game bag, and may seize any game, fish or unlawful device so found in possession; and any game, fish or unlawful device so taken shall be disposed of by the Game Warden as he may deem advisable for the best interest of the State.

(b) Provided, however, that this section shall not authorize entering a dwelling house without first procuring a search warrant.

(c) Any Game Warden of the State of Maryland, or Deputy Game Warden, or employee of the State Game Warden, engaged in the enforcement of this Article, or any other law of the State of Maryland, who shall search any dwelling house without a warrant directing such search, or who, while so engaged shall maliciously and without reasonable cause, search any other building or property, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and for the first offense, shall be fined not more than \$500 and for each subsequent offense, not more than \$500, or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both said fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.