

shall be prior liens on the respective lots or parcels of ground on which they are assessed from the time of the final ratification of the aforesaid returns, and shall be collected as taxes are now collected or may be collected by action at law. On appeal the Court or jury may alter the award so returned, whether of damages or benefits, and award costs in its discretion. On final ratification of any report of a commission so appointed under the provisions of this section, the Clerk to the County Commissioners shall at once record in a book kept for that purpose said return, plat and all proceedings connected therewith; and if for any reason the person to whom damages are awarded refuse to receive the damages assessed or from infancy or from any other cause are prevented from receiving or receipting for same, the damages so assessed shall be deposited in some bank in St. Mary's County paying interest on deposits, if any, to the credit of the person entitled to such damages; and thereupon the County Commissioners may proceed in the same way as if said damages had been paid to the person or persons themselves. And the County Commissioners shall have the right and power to condemn and acquire land adjacent to or near any county or public road, the material of which shall be deemed necessary or to be used in constructing or repairing any county or public road, bridge, or drain in the same manner as in this section provided for the opening, closing, extending, widening and straightening of county or public roads, bridges or drains.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 2, 1941.

CHAPTER 709.

(House Bill 694)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 28, 29, 30, the sub-title "Nets and Seines", and Sections 48, 49, 50, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 and 64 of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Tidal Waters", and to enact in lieu thereof fifteen new Sections to be known as Sections 28, 29, 30, 30A and 30B, to follow immediately after Section 27 of said Article, and Sections 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 63A, 63B, 63C, 63D and 64 of said Article, to follow immediately after Section 58 of said Article; providing for the licensing and regulation of the taking of fin fish for commercial purposes through the use of nets in the tidal waters