

title "Conservation of Natural Resources," sub-title "Water Pollution Control Commission," said section to be known as Section 33A, to follow immediately after Section 33 and to read as follows:

33A. (a) Prohibition Against Discharge of Oil Generally. Except in case of emergency imperiling life or property, or unavoidable accident, collision, or stranding, it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or permit the discharge of oil in any manner into or upon the waters within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland from any vessel, ship or boat of any kind.

The term "oil" shall mean any of a large class of unctuous substances of vegetable, animal or mineral origin, which are liquid or at least easily liquefiable on warming and soluble in ether but not in water.

(b) Penalties for Violations; Liability of Vessel. Any person who violates Sub-section (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2,500 nor less than \$500, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year nor less than thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for each offense. And any vessel from which oil is discharged in violation of the preceding sub-section, shall be liable for the pecuniary penalty specified in this section, and clearance of such vessel from a port of the State may be withheld until the penalty is paid, and said penalty shall constitute a lien on such vessel.

(c) Personnel for Enforcement of Provisions; Arrest of Offenders and Procedure. In the administration of this section the Commission may make use of the organization, equipment, and agencies, including engineering, clerical, and other personnel, employed in the improvement and preservation of waters and natural resources of the State of Maryland and in the enforcement of laws for the preservation and protection of the waters and natural resources of the State of Maryland. And for the better enforcement of the provisions of this section, all persons authorized by law of this State to make arrests shall have power, and it shall be their duty to swear out process and to arrest and take into custody, with or without process, any person who may violate any of said provisions; provided, that no person shall be arrested without process for a violation not committed in the presence of some one of the aforesaid officials; and provided further, that whenever any arrest is made under the provisions of the said section the person so arrested shall be brought forthwith before a Magistrate, judge, or court