

*and cumulative remedies to prevent, abate, and control the pollution of the waters of the State. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to abridge or alter rights of action or remedies in equity or under existing common law or statutory law, criminal or civil, nor shall any provision of this Subtitle, or any act done by virtue thereof, be construed as estopping the State, or any person, as riparian owners or otherwise in the exercise of their rights in equity or under the common law or statutory law to suppress nuisances or to abate pollution.*

29.

(a) *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~~ 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) *Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine or by imprisonment or by both fine and imprisonment, for each offense as provided in Section 28A of this Article. And any vessel from which oil is discharged in violation of subsection (a), shall be liable for the pecuniary penalty as 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) *In the administration of this section the Department 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 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 the 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 of the State for examination of the offenses alleged against him; and such magistrate, judge, or court shall proceed in respect thereto as authorized by law in cases of crimes against the State of Maryland.*

(d) *Whenever any person, or ship is accused of violating the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the arresting officer to notify the Department forthwith in writing, for the purpose of permitting it to take any steps in the proceeding that it may deem advisable. The provisions of this subsection are intended to be directory only.*