

appeal in the same manner and to the same extent that defendants now have in case of convictions for misdemeanors.]

(2) Any person violating any of the provisions of §§ 698 (d), 698 (e), or 698 (f) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.), or be imprisoned in the house of correction not less than three months nor more than six months, or both fined and imprisoned, at the discretion of the court; and any boat, truck, trailer, or other conveyance, used in any such violation may be seized by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and held until any fine assessed by the court be paid in full.

§ 717. Penalties.

(n) Soft-shell clams in Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.—Any person violating any provisions of § 713 pertaining to the taking or catching of soft-shell clams in or on any closed or prohibited area of the waters of Queen Anne's or Talbot counties shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned in the house of correction not less than three (3) months nor more than six (6) months, or be both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

In addition thereto, at the discretion of the court hearing the case, any boat, dredge, or other device, truck, trailer, or any other thing appurtenant thereto, used in connection with the violation, may be declared forfeited to the State of Maryland and delivered to the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries for such disposition thereof as, in the opinion of the said Commission, may be most advantageous to the State. All moneys received from such fines, and from the disposition of any forfeited boat, dredge, or other device, truck, trailer, or any other thing appurtenant thereto, [when in such disposition a sale thereof by the State of Maryland is involved,] *shall be collected pursuant to the provisions of Article 26, § 155; however, if the same is imposed by the circuit court of any county or Criminal Court of Baltimore, as the case may be, it shall be paid to the Comptroller of the treasury, or his agents, and credited to the "Clam Fund."*

SECTION 60. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 228, 229, and 244 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitles "Birds Game and Fish," and "Fish and Fisheries," be and they are hereby repealed.*

SECTION 61. *And be it further enacted, That Section 3 of Article 68 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Notaries Public," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

§ 3. Administration of oaths; certificate under seal as evidence.

Each notary public shall have the power of administering oaths according to law in all matters and cases of a civil nature in which a justice of the peace [may] *might have administered an oath prior to July 5, 1971, and with the same effect; and a certificate under the notarial seal of a notary public shall be sufficient evidence of his having administered such oath in his character as notary public.*