

the person or corporation so complained of, directed to any constable of the said county or city, commanding him to proceed at once and search for said bird, game or fish and, upon finding the same, to seize and take possession of the same and keep it until further order by the justice. The said constable shall read said warrant to the owner or person in whose possession said bird, game or fish is supposed to be. Said warrant shall be returnable within not less than twelve hours nor more than twenty-four hours from the date thereof. Provided that the game warden, or any deputy game warden, or other police officer may also without a warrant search any boat, car, box, locker, crate, or package, and any building, where he has reason to believe any bird, game or fish held in violation of law is to be found, and may seize any bird, game or fish so taken or held, and any bird, game or fish so taken or held shall be disposed of by the game warden as he may deem advisable for the best interests of the State; provided, however, that this section shall not authorize entering a dwelling house, or apply to birds, game or fish which are passing through this State under authority of the laws of the United States.

1904, art. 99, sec. 47. 1896, ch. 293, sec. 13. 1918, ch. 468, sec. 56.

56. All Sheriffs, Constables and Police Officers and all the officers appointed by the Conservation Commission shall assist in enforcing the provisions of this Article, and shall have all the powers of a deputy game warden. The game warden and the deputy game wardens and any other officers shall not be liable for any damage or costs sustained by any person or corporation by reason of the wrongful seizure of game, wild life or fish under this sub-title; provided, however, that the enforcement of this sub-title shall in no wise prevent prosecution of persons or corporations for violations of the game, wild life or fish laws of this State.*

Otters—Raccoons—Muskrats.

58-59.†

1916, ch. 367, sec. 59A.

59A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to trap, catch or kill any raccoon within Anne Arundel or Prince George's Counties, between sunrise and sunset, or have the same in his or their possession, if trapped, caught or killed, between the first day of February and the first day of October, in each year.

And it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cut a tree, at any time, for the purpose of catching or dislodging a raccoon.

*See foot note to section 44.

†While the title of the act of 1916, chapter 367, states that these sections are to be repealed and re-enacted so far as said sections relate to Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, no reference to such a repeal and re-enactment is found either in the enacting clause or in the body of the act.