

CHAPTER 393.

AN ACT to protect wild ducks and other wild fowl in the rivers, creeks and waters of Talbot county. Passed March 3, 1858.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person or persons shall use any sink-boats, sneak-boats or floats in any of the rivers, creeks or waters of Talbot county while engaged in shooting at or killing wild ducks or other wild fowl, he or they shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each and every offence; and all things hereinafter enumerated which shall have been used in violation of this law shall be forfeited; that is to say: the sink-boats, sneak-boats, crafts or floats, the gun or guns, ammunition and all other property found in the possession or use of such person or persons at the time of the arrest and seizure, together with the boat, craft or float, and all things on board or belonging to the same, employed to convey the said person or persons to any of the aforesaid waters for the purpose or use of any or all of the above enumerated articles in the manner aforesaid, and all which said articles, boat, craft or float, and all other property seized and taken by virtue of this law, shall be condemned and sold, and the proceeds distributed as hereinafter provided. Gunning with sneak-boats, sink-boats, &c., prohibited.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any sheriff, constable, or commissioned militia officer of Talbot county, who shall be satisfied, either upon his own view or from information received from any other person on oath, that any person or persons have violated any of the provisions of this law, such officer shall be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to arrest and take into his custody such person or persons so offending, found on board or belonging to the boat or float used in conveying any or all of such offenders to Talbot county for the purpose of shooting at or killing wild ducks, or wild fowl of any description, in contravention of this act, and he shall seize and take into his possession the said boat or craft and all the appurtenances belonging to the same, and Sheriff and other officers authorised to arrest.