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Chapter 180.

AN ACT to amend chapter fifty-four of the acts of 1872, entitled "An Act to exempt all that portion of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay lying northward of a certain line therein described from the operation and effect of sections one and three of article ninety-eight of the Code of Public General Laws, title 'Wild Fowl,' and to enact other sections to be in force and operation in, on and over said waters, by adding an additional section thereto regulating the issuing of licenses to Sneak Boats.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following section be and the same is hereby added to chapter fifty-four of the acts passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to exempt all that portion of the waters of the Chesapeake bay lying northward of a certain line therein described from the operation and effect of sections one and three of article ninety-eight of the Code of Public General Laws, title 'Wild Fowl,'" and to enact other sections to be in force and operation in, on and over said waters, to follow section eight, and to read as follows:

Section added.

SECTION 8 A. The sneak boat, such as is allowed by this act, as is specified in section eight of this act, shall be a flat-bottom batteau or other boat, with bush or canvas blinds, and shall be engaged bona fide in shooting or gunning over decoys, and no other boat shall be licensed as a sneak boat; no sailing boat or skiff, or other boat engaged in hunting or shooting crippled ducks, or in purloining ducks that have been killed and are drifting, shall be licensed as a sneak boat; and the special police appointed by this act are authorized to arrest any person or persons who may be discovered in the act of hunting or shooting crippled ducks, or in purloining ducks that have been killed by other persons having a proper license to shoot, as well as other persons violating the provisions of this section, and

Kind of boat allowed.

Arrest for purloining.

Penalty for
violation.

upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of Cecil or Harford counties, the license of such person or persons shall be revoked, and such person or persons, whether licensed or not, shall be fined not less than twenty dollars for each offence, and shall forfeit the boat and gun or guns, and material so employed in violation of the provisions of this section, which boat and gun or guns, and material shall be sold, and the proceeds of such fine and sale, after the costs of prosecution have been paid, shall go to the officer or officers making the arrest, and the possession of any ducks or gun, by any such boat so offending, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this act.

Approved March 30, 1882.

Chapter 181.

AN ACT to enable the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to accept a donation from Enoch Pratt for the establishment and perpetual endowment of a Free Public Library in said city, to be known as "The Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore city," and to provide for the appointment and incorporation of trustees for the management thereof.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Enoch Pratt, of the city of Baltimore, has, with signal generosity, public spirit and philanthropy, offered to establish an institution to be known as "The Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore city," and for that purpose has agreed to erect upon a lot on Mulberry street, in said city, owned by him, a library building to cost the sum of two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, or thereabout, and to convey the said lot and building, when completed, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and also to pay the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents to the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, provided the said Mayor and City Council will accept said conveyance and said sum of money, and agree, by an ordinance, to grant and