

IN OR ON THE WAY TO OR RETURNING FROM A BONA FIDE TRAP SHOOT, OR OTHER SPORT SHOOTING EVENT, OR ANY ORGANIZED CIVIC OR MILITARY ACTIVITY.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 28, 1959.

CHAPTER 803

(House Bill 898)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 715 (b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", and to add new Section 715A to said Article and sub-title, to follow immediately after Section 715 thereof; providing for the dredging of soft shell clams in the waters of Kent County; providing for the adoption and promulgation by the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries of rules and regulations to govern the soft shell clam industry and its operations; providing for licenses and fees therefor to dredge soft shell clams; providing for the imposition of a tax per bushel on all soft shell clams taken or caught; providing for certain restricted areas and times for the taking of said clams; and providing further for penalties for violations of these sections and of the rules and regulations of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries; and relating generally to the taking or catching of soft shell clams in Kent County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 715 (b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new Section 715A be and it is hereby added to said Article and sub-title, to follow immediately after Section 715 thereof, and all to read as follows:

715.

(b) Somerset, ~~[Kent,]~~ Charles and St. Mary's counties.—It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take, catch or dredge soft shell clams (*mya arenaria*) from any county waters of Somerset, ~~[Kent,]~~ Charles and St. Mary's counties by the use of any hydraulic or mechanical dredges. Any such person, firm or corporation so doing shall, upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace, be fined \$500.00 and costs.

715A. Soft Shell Clams.

(a) *Authority for Taking or Catching Soft Shell Clams.—It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch soft shell clams (Mya*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.