

owner, shall turn off the water from the property in question; and the water shall not be turned on again until said bill has been paid, including a penalty of ~~three dollars (\$3.00)~~ *ten dollars (\$10.00)*.

(2) A charge for the upkeep of water and sewer systems against all properties having a connection with any water main or sewer under its operation or ownership. The charge for the upkeep of the water and sewer system, if any, shall be made upon such reasonable basis as the Commission may determine and shall be collected annually in the same manner as are front foot benefit assessments against all property having a connection within a water main or sewer under the operation or ownership of the Commission and shall be a lien against such property. Such charges shall be based upon such classifications as the Commission from time to time may establish and shall be uniform throughout each sanitary system within each such classification; provided, however, that no charge for the upkeep of water and sewer systems shall be made against any property in any year for which such property is currently subject to a front foot benefit assessment as elsewhere in this subtitle provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.

CHAPTER 609

(House Bill 1265)

AN ACT to repeal and to re-enact, with amendments, Section 712(f-1) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to provide ~~in Worcester County~~ that clam dealers may have in their possession hard-shell clams having a transverse dimension of less than one inch, subject to a certain condition.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 712(f-1) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

~~712A.~~ 712.

(f-1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession hard-shell clams (*Venus mercenaria*) having a transverse dimension of less than one inch. *However, in Worcester County, it is lawful for clam dealers to have in their possession hard-shell clams having a transverse dimension of less than one inch, provided that they shall offer A BILL OF LADING AS proof that any ALL of these clam CLAMS were caught or taken in waters outside the State of Maryland as approved by the Fish and Wildlife Administration.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.