

or under 10 and 52-100 tons gross, if such last mentioned boat was licensed to take oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge in said waters for the season ending March 15th, 1900, and no dunnage in any of said boats, they shall under oath so certify to the clerk of the court of the county to which application for license is to be made giving the tonnage of such boat, and shall also give a duplicate certificate to the master or managing owner of said boat, to be by him produced for comparison, to the clerk aforesaid at the time of applying for license. If upon examination and measurement the admeasurers are satisfied that the previous measurement made by the custom officials is incorrect and that said boat is of greater tonnage than that which entitles the same to be used in taking and catching oysters in said waters, as herein provided, then such measurement, so made by them, shall be deemed for the purpose of this Act to be the true measurement of said boat, and their decision shall be conclusive; provided, however, that no certificate shall be required to procure a license for any boat whose tonnage does not exceed six ton gross custom house measurement, but should a license be issued to such boat, which afterwards on measurement by the admeasurers is shown to be of greater tonnage than permitted or allowed under the provisions of this Act, such license shall be null and void and the party using said license after notice given shall be deemed guilty of taking oysters without a license and shall be punished as is provided by Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws for that offense. After the certificate of the admeasurers shall be filed with the respective clerks and the applicant shall present to such clerk the duplicate certificate hereinbefore provided for, the clerks shall issue to the said applicants a license for said boat if all other requirements and conditions aforesaid herein provided shall be complied with.

"Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage, and that all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed so far as thus inconsistent."

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Robinson, from Committee on Labor, reported favorably,