

Provisos.

catch oysters with scoop, drag, scrape, dredge or any other instrument within the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and to buy and sell oysters in the State; *provided*, that said license shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters with scoop, scrape, drag or dredge, between the first day of June and September in each year, which is hereby expressly forbidden; *and provided also*, that no steamboat or other vessel propelled by steam machinery shall be used for taking or catching oysters in any of the waters of this State.

Not allowed to issue License to non-residents.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That no license shall be issued to any person who is not a resident of this State, and the applicant for such license shall first make oath before the Comptroller or an authorized Clerk of said Comptroller, that he is bona fide owner or master of the boat or vessel to be described in the license for which he is an applicant, and if master, that the boat or vessel for which he desires to obtain license is owned by a citizen or resident of the State, that he has resided in this State at least twelve months preceding the day on which he applies for such license, and such applicant shall produce before said Comptroller or his clerk authorized to issue such license, the customhouse enrollment or license of such boat or vessel, under such rules and regulations as the said Comptroller may have previously prescribed.

Rate to be paid for License

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That every applicant before obtaining such license shall pay the Comptroller or his authorized clerk therefor, at the rate of two dollars per ton for every ton the boat or vessel for which he desires license may measure according to its customhouse enrollment or license; and it shall be the duty of every person thus obtaining license to exhibit the same whenever called upon by any officer of the State of Maryland or other person authorized to demand the same; and every boat or vessel engaged in the oyster trade in any of the waters of this State, shall be licensed as required by law, and be subject to all the provisions of the several sections of this article.

Penalty for violating.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the preceding sections shall be deemed guilty of a misde-