

to permit an unfit applicant to operate a car in the State, but in addition he holds the power of suspension for a stated period or the absolute revocation of a driver's permit. This without regard to the action of the Courts in cases tried before them.

Appeal to the Courts from the action of the Commissioner, in suspending, refusing or revoking licenses, is provided in the law, however.

## THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Office, 516 Munsey Building, Baltimore, Md.

Commissioner (Term Expires 1931):	
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Assistant Chief Clerk:	
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The Governor appoints the Conservation Commissioner for a term of four years from the first Monday in May (Ch. 29, 1922), and the members of the Advisory Committee for a term of four years from June 1 (Ch. 369, 1927).

### CONSERVATION

The Conservation Department succeeded the Conservation Commission of Maryland, which was organized in 1916, when the Legislature consolidated all the various commissions and boards which had anything to do with the conservation of the natural resources of the State waters and wild fowl and upland game. At that time there were in existence the Maryland Shellfish Commission, the State Game Warden, the State Fishery Force, the Board of Fish Commissioners, each of which had some integral part of the above resources under supervision. The Conservation Commission when first organized was composed of three commissioners, but in 1922 it was reduced to a one-man commission.

Conservation is no longer an experiment, for it has been demonstrated within the past three years how crabs and fish are reassuming their rightful places in the State's seafood interests.

Reports from all sections of the State indicate that crabs have not been as plentiful for a number of years as they are at present. In fact, the catching of crabs is curtailed commercially because of the lack of market. Whether there is actually a lack of market is a question of fact, since a great many complaints are heard in the city to the effect