

CHAPTER 16.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact Section 171 of Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Worcester County," sub-title "Oysters and Fish," as said section was repealed and re-enacted with amendments by Chapter 422 of the Acts of 1896.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 171 of Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Worcester County," sub-title "Oysters and Fish," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

171. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County may issue to any citizen of said county a license to take or catch oysters with rakes or tongs from the waters of Synepuxent Bay or its tributaries until the first day of May next after issuing of said license, provided the applicant for said license shall satisfy the said Clerk, by his own oath or other sufficient proof, that he is a citizen of said county, and shall pay to said clerk the sum of one dollar, to be paid by said clerk to the County Commissioners of Worcester County to be expended in the procuring of seed oysters to be planted in said bay upon the natural rocks thereof, as said commissioners may direct; and upon taking out said license, and not otherwise, it shall be lawful for said citizen so obtaining the same, to take and remove oysters from the natural rocks in the waters of said Synepuxent Bay and its tributaries, included in the boundaries of said Worcester County, with rakes and tongs, and not otherwise; but no person licensed as above, nor any person, shall take or remove oysters from the waters of said bay or its tributaries on any Sunday or in the night at any season, nor during the day from the first day of May to the first day of September, or any shells from natural rocks of said bay at any time; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to forbid any person from taking or catching his own planted oysters at any time, or with any kind of instruments; and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction thereof shall be fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense, and shall stand committed to the jail of Worcester County, if convicted, until fine and costs are paid, or may be both fined and imprisoned in said jail for not less than sixty days, in the discretion of the court.

Worcester
County Oyster
Law

Source of funds
for seed
oysters.

Closed season.

Fine, etc., for
violations.