SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1901.

## CHAPTER 17.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 255 of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "Oysters," as said section was codified in 1888, with all amendments thereto, including such amendments as were made thereto in Chapter 693 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, nineteen hundred.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 255 of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "Oysters," as said section was codified in 1888, with all amendments thereto, including such amendments as were made thereto in Chapter 693 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, nineteen hundred, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

255. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dorchester County, upon application of the managing owner, who has been a County Oyster resident of said county for one year next preceding said application, and to no other person, shall issue a license to such resident to employ his boat of a capacity of seven tons gross or under; such capacity to be ascertained by rules of custom-house measurement, as in the preceding section provided, in taking or catching oysters with scrapes or dredges in the waters named in Section 253 of this Article, which said license shall hold good for one season only, and shall authorize License to the catching of oysters from the 1st day of November to the boats. 15th day of March next succeeding, both inclusive, on which last-named day said license shall expire; the applicant for such license shall pay said clerk for the same the sum of one dollar and ninety cents per gross ton, according to the capacity of the vessel to be licensed, which capacity shall be determined by gross tonnage, and all boats measuring Transfer of less than five tons gross shall pay eight dollars for such license; but it shall be lawful for the owner of any such licensed boat to transfer his license to a purchaser of said boat who has been a bona fide resident of said county for