

## CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT providing for the enactment of concurrent legislation regarding the fish and shellfish industry in the Potomac River in consequence of the compact entered into between the States of Maryland and Virginia on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and to repeal all acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

WHEREAS, a necessity has arisen for the enactment of concurrent legislation regarding the fish and shellfish industry in the Potomac River in consequence of the compact entered into between the States of Maryland and Virginia on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five;

*Therefore, be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, as follows:*

SECTION 1. *Who may or who may not take fish, oysters or crabs in the Potomac River—Penalties.* It shall be lawful for any citizen of the State of Maryland or of the State of Virginia to take fish, oysters or crabs from the Potomac River after complying with the requirements of the laws of the State of which he is a citizen for the taking of fish, oysters or crabs from the waters of such State; and any citizen of either State who takes fish, oysters or crabs from the Potomac River without having complied with the requirements of the law of his State as to the taking of fish, oysters or crabs in its own waters shall be considered guilty of violating the laws of the State of which he is a citizen, and shall be prosecuted according to such laws. It shall not be lawful for any person to take or catch fish, oysters or crabs in any manner whatever in the waters of the Potomac River unless he be a citizen of Maryland or of Virginia, and shall have been a resident of the State of which he is a citizen for twelve months immediately preceding. Any such non-resident violating this section shall be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars; furthermore, any vessel, with its equipment and cargo, or any net or other appliances used in violating this section, shall be deemed forfeited to the State.

SEC. 2. *Restrictions as to the time and manner of taking oysters.* It shall not be lawful for any citizen of Maryland or of Virginia to take or catch oysters with a scoop, scrape,