

Code of Public General Laws (Edition 1904), as enacted in Chapter 711 of the Acts of 1906, and by adding eight new sections to said Article 72, one to follow section 112, and to be designated as section 112A; one to follow section 115, and to be designated as section 115A, and six others to follow section 119, and to be designated 119A, 119B, 119C, 119D, 119E and 119F.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections 98, 100, 102, 105, 110, 112, 116 and 118 of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, as enacted in Chapter 711 of the Acts of 1906, entitled "An Act to establish and promote the industry of oyster culture in Maryland, to define and mark natural oyster beds, bars and rocks lying under the waters of this State, to describe penalties for the infringement of the provisions of this act, and to add new sections to Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, to follow section 82, and to be designated respectively as sections 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118 and 119, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

SEC. 98. After the survey provided for herein shall have been completed, it shall be the duty of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners to lease in the name of the State of Maryland tracts or parcels of land beneath the waters of this State, whether within the limits of the counties or elsewhere, in the area to be opened for oyster culture according to the provisions of this act; provided that no tract so leased, if situated within the territorial limits of any county in this State, shall contain less than one acre of land; and if situated in any other place, no tract so leased shall contain less than five acres. It shall be the duty of said board to require that the tracts so leased shall be as nearly rectangular as is convenient. It shall be the duty of the said board to demand from each lessee payment of the rent each year in advance. No person shall be permitted by lease, assignment or in any other manner, to acquire a greater amount of land than thirty acres situated within the territorial limits of any of the counties, or five hundred acres in any other place; provided, however, that an individual may acquire a tract not exceeding one hundred acres of land beneath the waters of Tangier Sound. Leases of such lands shall be made only to residents of Maryland. The term of such leases shall be twenty years, and the annual rent reserved to