

1929, ch. 471, sec. 87.

96. *Packers and Shippers Licenses.* Any person desiring to engage in the business of picking, canning or packing crabs in any way, or buying or marketing crabs, shall first obtain a license from the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which he resides or does business, or from the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas if he resides or does business in Baltimore City, such license to be good for the year of issue only, and shall pay the following fees: (1) For each person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of picking, canning, packing or shipping cooked hard or soft crabs or crab meat (except persons picking and selling crab meat for local family trade), a license fee of \$10; (2) for each person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling, marketing or shipping live hard or soft crabs by barrel or crate, a license fee of \$5; provided that any person who is duly licensed to ship or pack crabs shall not be required to procure further license.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 88.

97. *Sponge Crabs.* It shall be unlawful for any person to catch, offer for sale or hold in his possession at any time, any female crabs bearing eggs visible thereon (sponge crabs) or any female crab from which the egg pouch or bunion has been removed.

1929, ch. 471, sec. 89.

98. *Regulations on Certain Kinds and Sizes of Crabs.* It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or have in his possession any hard crabs, measuring less than five inches across the shell from tip to tip of spike, or any peelers (which are hereby defined as having a soft shell fully developed under the hard shell, on which there is a pink line or rim on the edge of that part of the back fin next to the outer section of this fin) measuring less than three inches across the shell from tip to tip of spike, or any soft crabs measuring less than three and one-half inches across the shell from tip to tip of spike; nor shall any person take, catch or have in his possession any egg-bearing female crab, known as the spawn crab, sponge crab, blooming female crab, or mother crab, nor any female crab from which the egg pouch or bunion has been removed, nor shall any person take, catch or keep in floats or in his possession any fat crab, or any crab known as snot crab or green crab, or buckram crab (a crab that has a paper shell). The provisions of this section shall apply to all waters of the State of Maryland, and any person violating any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined as hereinafter provided, and in addition thereto the Deputy Commanders and Inspectors of the State Fishery Force are hereby authorized to confiscate and liberate into the waters of the State any fat crab, snot crab, green crab, or buckram crab wherever found and held in violation of this section, and said officers are further authorized to confiscate any hard crabs, peelers or soft crabs of a size less than the measurements hereinbefore provided, wherever found, and shall dispose of any crabs so con-