

bot and Dorchester, for which they are respectively appointed, over six tons gross or smaller boats, if, in the judgment of said admeasurers they have reason to believe such boats have been incorrectly measured prior to the granting, by the clerks of said circuit courts, a license to catch oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge, and the said admeasurers acting together in the presence of each other, shall as soon as notified, and paid two dollars each for each boat and traveling expenses, and the cost of certificate by the captain or managing owner of such boats shall proceed to examine and measure the same; if, after examining and measuring such boat, the admeasurer finds that such boat is under seven tons gross or under ten and fifty-two one-hundredths tons gross, and if such last-mentioned boat was licensed to take oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge on said waters for the season ending March 15, 1900, and no dunnage in any of said boats, each of said admeasurers shall, under oath, so certify to the clerk of the court of the county to which application for license is to be made, giving the tonnage of such boats, and shall also give a duplicate certificate to the master or managing owner of said boat to be by him produced for comparison to the clerk, aforesaid, at the time of applying for license. It shall be the duty of the Commander of the State Fishery Force or any officer under his command, whom he shall duly authorize and empower at any time that he or such duly authorized officer shall deem it proper to inspect and verify the measurement of any boats and their gross tonnage, and the measurement ascertained by the said commander or officers shall be conclusive and final, and any license granted shall be corrected and amended in accordance with such measurement, and the appropriate license fee hereinbefore named, paid in accordance with such corrected measurement and the right granted by any such license already issued shall be suspended until the full payment of such license fee is made; provided, however, that no certificate shall be required to procure a license for any boat whose tonnage does not exceed six tons gross, custom-house measurement; but should a license be issued to such boat, which afterwards, on measurements by the admeasurers or said commander or his duly authorized officer as aforesaid, is shown to be of greater tonnage than permitted or allowed under the provisions of this Act, such license shall be null and void, and the party using such license, after notice given, shall be deemed guilty of taking oysters without a license, and shall be punished as is provided by Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws for that offense; after the certificate of the admeasurers shall be filed with the respective clerks, and the applicant shall present to such clerk the duplicate certificate hereinbefore provided for, the clerk shall issue to the said applicants a license for said boat, if all other requirements and conditions aforesaid herein provided shall be complied with.*

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 10, sec. 252. 1878, ch. 359.

422. Any resident of Dorchester or Talbot Counties desiring to use any canoe or other boat in catching or taking oysters for sale, with rakes or

*Sec. 2, ch. 180, 1902, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith.