

shall be required, unless good reasons exist to justify the belief on the part of the admeasurer that the size of said boat has been increased since last measured.

Jones v. State, 68 Md. 613.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 10, sec. 255. 1886, ch. 206. 1900, ch. 693, sec. 255. 1901 (Special Session), ch. 17.

425. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dorchester County, upon application of the managing owner, who has been a 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 423 of this Article, which said license shall hold good for one season only, and shall authorize the catching of oysters from the 1st day of November to the 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 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 twelve months next preceding said transfer, which license, when transferred, shall entitle said vendee, after he has taken before the clerk the oath or affirmation required of the vendor, to all the rights and privileges of the said vendor under said license. The clerk shall endorse the date and the name of the vendee upon said license, and receive from said vendee the sum of twenty cents; every license shall state the name and residence of the person to whom the same is granted; the name, number and tonnage of the boat, if over five tons gross, custom-house measurement; provided, that the said clerk of the court, upon the application of the managing owner, a resident of said county as aforesaid, and no other person, of a boat of the size of ten and fifty-two one-hundredths tons gross or under, which was licensed to take oysters as aforesaid with scoops, scrapes or dredges in the waters of said county for the dredging season ending March 15, 1900, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, upon a certificate of the admeasurer hereinbefore referred to, and upon full compliance with the provisions of this section and Section 426, to issue a license for the use of said boat in taking oysters in the waters aforesaid in the manner aforesaid; but no license shall issue to any boat so licensed for said dredging season ending March 15, 1900, the tonnage of which is greater than ten and fifty-two one-hundredths by the rules of custom-house measurement, to be ascertained by said admeasurer; and if said clerk shall issue such license without the said admeasurer's certificate, when said certificate is necessary, or in any way contrary to the provisions.