

An. Code, 1924, sec. 129. 1912, sec. 113. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 111. 1927, ch. 604.

126. It shall be lawful at any time after the closed season for taking oysters, to take oysters from such natural beds or bars in Chesapeake Bay as the Commission may mark out for that purpose, and at such time as the Commission may designate, but not to exceed one month in any one year and under such regulations as said Commission may from time to time prescribe; and, provided, however, that said oysters may be sold only for the purposes now permitted under the existing laws of Maryland, during the season of the year above mentioned; and in addition thereto, to persons engaged in the industry of planting and cultivating oysters within the area designated by this sub-title, the same to be delivered only upon lands which may have been leased under the provisions of this sub-title for said purposes of planting or cultivation.¹

[**126.** It shall be lawful at any time after the closed season for taking oysters, to take oysters from such natural beds or bars in Chesapeake Bay as the Commission may mark out for that purpose, and at such time as the Commission may designate, but not to exceed one month in any one year and under such regulations as said Commission may from time to time prescribe; and, provided, however, that said oysters may be sold only for the purposes now permitted under the existing laws of Maryland, during the season of the year above mentioned; and in addition thereto, to persons engaged in the industry of planting and cultivating oysters within the State of Maryland, the same to be delivered only upon land which may have been leased under the provisions of this sub-title for said purposes of planting or cultivation.] ²

An. Code, 1924, sec. 130. 1912, sec. 114. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 112, 1912, ch. 539, sec. 112 1924, ch. 577.

127. No person shall catch or take oysters with dredge or similar instrument on any land held by lease under the provisions of this sub-title without first having obtained a license therefor in the same manner as is now required by law for dredging oysters on the natural bars in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Oysters may be taken in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and all other waters of the State on such leased bottoms by the holders of such leased bottoms by dredging, scraping or tonging with boats propelled by oars, sails or otherwise, at such time as may be desired by the holders of such land, between sunrise and sunset of any week day between the first day of October in any year and the first day of April in the following year. An annual license fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be paid the State Comptroller for each boat used in taking oysters from leased bottoms and the license number shall be placed on the bow of each boat in figures not less than eight inches in length. It is however, specially provided that it shall be unlawful for any holder of land under this sub-title to take up oysters from the land so held by him during the closed season for the dredging of oysters from the natural bars of this State until after he has given a written notice of his intention so

¹Sec. 2 of ch. 604 of acts of 1927 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith to extent of such inconsistency.

²This section, as proposed to be amended by Ch. 335, 1939, but as said Act is to be voted upon at the November election, 1940, this section will not become effective unless approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon. If said Act is approved, this section will become effective Dec. 5, 1940.