

instrument; and no other boat shall be used in catching oysters with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, without first having been licensed as hereinafter provided.

1886, ch. 296, sec. 3.

2. The comptroller of the treasury shall, upon application of any person who has been a resident of this State for twelve consecutive months next preceding such application, issue a license to such resident, and to no other person, to employ such boat in taking or catching oysters with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, within the waters of Chesapeake bay, Potomac river and in Eastern bay, outside of a line drawn from the southwest corner of Second Kent point to Wade's point; provided, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the taking or catching of oysters with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, on any oyster bar within one and a half miles of Talley's point, Sandy point, Hackett's point, Thomas's point, Holland's Island bar and Three Sisters, nor within one and one-half miles of Holland's point bar; nor of Swan's point bar; nor between Poplar island and the mainland of Talbot county, south of a line drawn from the north point of Poplar island to Louis's point, on the mainland; nor north of a line drawn from the end of the south bar of Poplar island to Paw Paw cove, on Tilghman's island; nor within one-fourth of a mile west of Poplar island; nor within one-half of a mile of Plum point; nor within the boundary lines of any county, unless herein otherwise specified; which license shall hold good for one season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the fifteenth day of October and the first day of April, on which day the dredging season shall end and the license expire; but it shall be lawful for the owner of any such licensed boat, whenever said owner shall sell and convey by bill of sale, for a *bona fide* consideration, said boat unto any person who has been a resident of the State of Maryland for at least one year, to transfer said license to said vendee, with said boat, which license when transferred shall entitle said vendee to the same privileges for catching or taking oysters, with said boat, in the waters of this State, that the original vendor or assignor had before said assignment; provided, said vendee and assignee shall appear before the comptroller of the treasury, and make