

Tonging.

1894, ch. 380, sec. 1.* 1900, ch 380.

1. Any resident of this State desiring to catch oysters with rakes or tongs for sale in any of the waters of this State shall first obtain by application to the clerk of the circuit court for the county wherein he may reside a separate license for every person to be employed on such boat, and such license shall have effect from the first day of September in the year which it may have been obtained to the twenty-fifth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding; provided, that such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters in any creek, cove, river, inlet, bay or sound within the limit of any county other than that wherein the license shall have been granted; and that the boundaries of the counties or navigable waters shall be strictly construed so as not to permit the residents of either county to take or catch oysters beyond the middle of the dividing channel; provided that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent counties from using the waters of Chester river in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Wicomico counties from using the waters of Nanticoke river in common, or the citizens of Queen Anne's and Talbot counties from using the waters of the Wye river and the mouth thereof in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Talbot counties from using the waters of the Choptank river in common; provided, however, that the county commissioners shall be authorized to give special permission to any woman who has no visible means of support to take and catch oysters without license, and provided also that boys under fifteen years of age shall not be required to license.

Tyler v. State, 93 Md. 309.

Ibid sec. 2. 1900, ch 380.

2. Each and every license issued in conformity to the provisions of section 1 of this article shall state the name, color, age and residence of the person to whom the license is to be granted; the number thereof and the county in which the same is to be used, and every applicant for such license shall pay to the clerk of the circuit court, when such license may be granted, and before the issuing and delivery of the same, three and one-half dollars, except boys under fifteen years of age; the clerk to receive twenty-five cents for each and every such license as a fee for issuing the same, including administering

*This act repealed the pre-existing article and enacted this new article.