

1894, ch. 380, sec. 22. 1900, ch. 380.

**23.** Before granting such license the comptroller shall receive two dollars and eighty-five cents for every gross ton the boat shall measure, and at the time of granting said license he shall require the applicant to make affidavit as to the number of hands he intends to work in his boat during the oyster season, and the comptroller shall enter the same upon the license, and shall receive in addition to the sum of two dollars and eighty-five cents per gross ton the sum of fifty cents per month for three months for each hand to be employed on said boat; and where any license is issued by authority of any county, the clerk of the circuit court for the county shall receive for such license from the applicant one dollar and ninety cents per gross ton for every gross ton the boat may measure, except boats of less than five tons gross measurement, when the license shall be eight dollars for each of said boats; said measurement to be gross tonnage of custom-house measurement, but no allowance or deduction shall be made or allowed by reason of dunnaging, and affidavits shall be made before said clerk also as to the number of hands carried on each boat, and such clerks shall receive the said sum of fifty cents per month for the three months for each person employed or carried on such boats; the captains of such boats may in their own discretion collect from their hands the said fee of fifty cents per month herein provided for, and said captains or masters shall always have such license on board of their boats and exhibit the same whenever it shall be demanded by any duly authorized officer. It shall be the duty of the commander of the State fishery force and any officer under his command at any time that he or they shall deem it proper to inspect and verify the measurement of any boats and their gross tonnage, and the measurement ascertained by such 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, that persons applying for scraping license for boats to dredge in the Chesapeake bay after the first day of January to the fifteenth day of March shall be required to pay only one dollar and fifty cents gross ton for such license.