

License. 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 the Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River and in Easton Bay outside of a line drawn from the southwest corner of Kent Point to Wade's Point; provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize the taking or catching of oyster with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, on any oyster bar within one and one-half miles of Tolley's Point, Sandy Point, Hackett's Point, Thomas' Point, Holland's Island Bar and Three Sisters; nor within one and one-half miles of Hollands 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 Low'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 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 to 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 vender to the same privileges of catching or taking oysters with said boat in the waters of this State, that the original vendor or assignor had had before said assignment; provided, said vendee and assignee shall appear before the Comptroller of the Treasury and make oath before him to all the facts, matters and things required of said original vendor or assignor, before taking out such license; upon which said license, the said comptroller shall certify in writing the fact of said vendee or assignee having taken said oath, for which said certificate the said vendee or assignee shall pay to the said comptroller the sum of five dollars for the use of the oyster fund. The provisions of this section in relation to time of taking oysters, the time of expiration of license, and to transfer of ownership shall apply to all vessels licensed by any county in this State, to take and catch oysters with scrape or scoop, and any law, general or local, in conflict herewith shall be void and of no effect; provided, that the time specified in this section shall