

of the Circuit Court for the county wherein he may reside, a license therefor, and such license shall have effect from the fifteenth day of September in the year, in which it may have been obtained to the twentieth 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 limits of any county, other than that wherein the license shall have been granted, and that the boundaries of the counties bordering on navigable waters shall be strictly construed so as not to permit the residence 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 the 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 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, provided, also, that boys under fifteen years of age, shall not be required to license.

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15. Each and every license to take or catch oysters for sale, with rakes or tongs, shall state the name, age and residence of the person to whom the same is to be granted, the number, and the county in which the same is to be used, and every applicant for such license shall pay to the clerk of the court, when such license may be granted, and before the issuing and delivery of the same, the sum, of three dollars, and also the sum of fifty cents as a fee to the clerk for issuing the same. Nine-tenths of the amount received from tonging licenses shall be paid by the clerk, to the School Commissioners for the public schools in the respective counties where such licenses are issued; the sum received from white tongs to go to white schools, and the sum received from colored tongs to go to the colored schools.

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16. Every applicant for license to take or catch oysters with rakes or tongs, shall be required to make oath, or affirmation, before the clerk authorized to issue the same, or some justice of the peace, on whose certificate of the taking of such oath or affirmation, the clerk shall issue said license, that the facts set forth in said license are strictly true; that he has been a *bona fide* resident of the county for

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