

CHAPTER 359.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments chapter four hundred and thirty-seven of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and chapter four hundred and five of the acts passed at January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, relating to the catching of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge, in the waters of Dorchester and Talbot counties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That chapter four hundred and thirty-seven of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and chapter four hundred and five of the acts passed at January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, relating to the catching of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge, in the waters of Dorchester and Talbot counties, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, as follows:

Repealed and re-enacted.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Talbot or Dorchester county shall, upon the application of any person who has been a resident of such county for twelve months next preceding such application, and to no other person, issue a license to such resident to employ any boat of a capacity of ten tons or under, such capacity to be ascertained by Custom House measurement, in taking or catching oysters with dredge, scoop or scrape, in the waters of the Choptank river, in said counties, for sale to any person, between the fifteenth day of September, in each year, and the first day of June next following; provided that nothing in this act shall authorize the taking of oysters with dredge, scoop or scrape, above a straight line drawn from Oyster Shell point, on the Dorchester shore, to the Talbot shore, immediately opposite, or in any tributaries of said river above or below said Oyster Shell point; and provided, further, that the applicant

Issue license.