

CHAPTER 22.

(Senate Bill 26)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 5(m), 6(i), and 7(a) of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), titled "Oysters and Clams", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, and as Section 5(m) was amended by Chapter 604 of the Acts of 1947, and to add a new section and new sub-section to said Article of said Code, to be known as Section 5A and Sub-section 16 (c-1), Section 5A to follow immediately after Section 5 of said Article, and Sub-section 16(c-1) to follow immediately after Sub-section 16(c), as amended by Chapter 604 of the Acts of 1947, relating to the seasons for taking oysters and the manner in which oysters may be taken.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 5(m), 6(i) and 7(a) of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Oysters and Clams", as said Sections were enacted by Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, and as Section 5(m) was amended by Chapter 604 of the Acts of 1947, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

5(m). Tonging Seasons. It shall be unlawful to take or catch oysters by tongs or patent tongs except during the tonging season which shall begin on the first day of September in each year and end on the fifteenth day of April next succeeding, except in the following waters where the tonging season shall be as follows:

Patuxent RiverSeptember 15 to March 31, inclusive
 Dorchester County, except Choptank RiverOctober 1
 to April 15, inclusive.
 Choptank RiverSeptember 1 to April 15, inclusive.
 Upper Potomac River above a line joining North Point and
 Cedar PointOctober 1 to April 15, inclusive.
 Lower Potomac River below a line joining North River and
 Cedar PointSeptember 15 to April 15, inclusive.
 Tributaries of the PotomacOctober 1 to April 1, inclusive.
 Somerset CountySeptember 15 to April 15, inclusive.
 Rhode RiverOctober 15 to April 15, inclusive.
 West RiverOctober 15 to April 15, inclusive.
 Herring BayDecember 1 to April 15, inclusive.
 Upper Nanticoke River above a line joining Sandy Island
 and Roaring PointOctober 1 to April 15, inclusive.
 Wicomico County except Upper Nanticoke RiverSeptem-
 ber 15 to April 15, inclusive.
 Worcester CountyJanuary 1 to December 31, inclusive.