

Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Oysters and Clams", as said sub-section was enacted by Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a). Packers' and Dealers' License. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation having a fixed place of business, buying oysters and employing labor to prepare them for market to engage in the business of buying, selling, marketing, packing or canning oysters without first taking out a license to engage in such business by application to the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries of Maryland. Where any such person, firm or corporation operates more than one house for the buying, selling, marketing, packing or canning of oysters, a separate license shall be obtained for each house in which oysters are shucked or otherwise prepared for market; such license to be in the nature and form of a contract between the State of Maryland and the applicant, and shall provide for the payment of a license fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and shall further provide that the licensee shall turn over to the State of Maryland at least twenty percent (20%) of the shells from the oysters shucked in his establishment for the current season, said shells to be removed on or before the twentieth day of August following; or at the discretion of the Commission, its equivalent in money, the value thereof being determined at the market value of shells as of the first day of May following the close of the season. The said Department shall notify each packer or canner on or before the first day of May whether it is its intention to take the twenty percent (20%) of the shells from oysters shucked as aforesaid, or its equivalent in money. Said license shall have effect from the first day of September in the year in which it may have been obtained until the twenty-fifth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1948.

Approved November 10, 1947.

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## CHAPTER 35.

(Senate Bill 40)

AN ACT to add six new sections to Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Caro-