

set County, shall take or catch oysters on such leased land by any device other than tongs or patent tongs.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved March 15, 1947.

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CHAPTER 105.

(Senate Bill 80)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Marriages", relating to conditions under which marriage licenses may be issued to minors, under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7 of Article 62 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Marriages", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. It shall be unlawful within the State for any female below the age of sixteen years or any male below the age of eighteen years to marry, or for a parent or guardian to permit any such female or male to marry, or for any female between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years, or for any male under the age of twenty-one years to marry, unless the parent or guardian of such male or female, in person or by signed affidavit, assent thereto, and, in the case of a female, swear or affirm that she is over the age of sixteen years, and, in the case of a male, swear or affirm that he is over the age of eighteen years. Provided, however, that on the certificate of a licensed physician, presented with the application for a marriage license, to the effect that the girl is pregnant or has given birth to a child, a marriage license may be issued without the consent of her parent or guardian, and if the putative father of the child or prospective child of a girl under eighteen years of age is over sixteen years of age, a marriage license may be issued without the consent of his parents or guardian.

After the issuance of a license upon presentation of such a certificate the Clerk of the Court issuing such license shall seal all records of the issuance thereof. Said seal shall not be broken, and said record shall not be inspected by any person,