

CHAPTER 640.

(Senate Bill 314)

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 11 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), entitled "Oysters and Clams", sub-title "State Oyster Culture," as said section was enacted by Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, said new sub-section to be known as sub-section (i), and to follow immediately after Sub-section (h) of said section, to require the Department of Tidewater Fisheries or its successors to expend all funds appropriated in the Budget for the propagation of oysters and all monies required to be credited by the Comptroller to the Oyster Fund to be expended for the planting of shells and seed oysters and for no other purpose and to provide for the appointment of committees of practical oystermen to advise the Department of Tidewater Fisheries or its successors in the planting of shells and seed oysters.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new sub-section be and the same is hereby added to Section 11 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), entitled "Oysters and Clams," sub-title "State Oyster Culture," as said section was enacted by Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section (i), to follow immediately after Sub-section (h) of said section, and to read as follows:

(i). The Department of Tidewater Fisheries or its successors shall expend for the planting of oyster shells, other cultch or seed oysters on the natural oyster bars or seed areas or for the purchase of necessary equipment to plant said materials and for no other purpose (1) all funds appropriated in the Budget for oyster propagation, and (2) all monies required by Section 15 of this Article to be credited by the Comptroller to the Oyster Fund. Any unexpended balance in the Oyster Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the Fund and be spent for the planting of shells or seed oysters during subsequent years and shall not be spent for any other purpose nor shall such moneys revert to general funds. In order to assist it in the planting of shells and seed oysters, the Department of Tidewater Fisheries or its successors shall have the licensed oystermen select a committee for each Tidewater county of this State of five representative licensed oystermen, who earn their livelihood by catching oysters. In the planting of shells or