

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 62 and 63D of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Licenses", be and the same hereby are repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

62. (When Additional Licenses may be issued.) Prior to December 1st, 1941, and prior to December 1st in each succeeding year, the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries shall make an estimate of the quantity of marketable fin fish of every species (except eels) that may be available during the succeeding license year and of the number and types of nets that may be profitably employed without injury to the fishery. If the Commission shall determine that additional nets for the taking of fin fish (except eels) should be licensed, over and above the number actually applied for prior to December 1st, then it shall give public notice, by advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county or counties in which the licenses will be issued, of the number of additional nets that may be licensed and of the areas where the same may be operated and shall state that applications will be received up to a date to be set by the Commission. An applicant to qualify for a license must have been issued a license for catching crabs or oysters for two preceding years with catch records or sales records proving that he was engaged in the catching of seafood, or shall submit proof to the Commission that he has been engaged in or employed in the business of catching fish commercially for two years. He shall further present proof satisfactory to the Commission that the catching of seafood has been his principal occupation for the past two years during the normal fishing season in his area. Immediately upon the expiration of the period for receiving applications the Commission shall issue such additional licenses, within the limits set, to be chosen by lot from among the qualified applications received during the period designated for receiving applications, or from the qualified applications for each particular area. The Commission shall by regulation fix the number of nets that may be licensed to any one applicant under this section.

63D. (Transfer of Licenses.) Any license to operate pound nets, haul seines, gill nets, or fyke or hoop nets issued under this sub-title may be transferred whenever the owner of the nets, boats, gear and other equipment necessary for their operation, or the personal representative of such owner, shall sell and convey the same by bill of sale for a bona fide consideration to any person who is eligible under