

of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Oysters and Clams", sub-title "Private Oyster Culture", as said sub-sections were amended by Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, requiring marking with a stake submerged lands for which a lease is applied for and requiring the advertisement in connection with such application to include the location of such stake.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sub-sections 12(h) and 12(i) of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition and 1943 Supplement), title "Oysters and Clams", sub-title "Private Oyster Culture", as said sub-sections were amended by Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

12(h). Application for Lease. Any person wishing to lease submerged lands of this State, in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall apply to the Department of Tidewater Fisheries for a blank application form, and said form shall be executed by the applicant to show his place of residence, the estimated area of the submerged land for which a lease is sought and a description in detail of the location of said land. The applicant prior to filing the application with the Department shall mark the area applied for with at least one stake bearing the name of the applicant.

12(i) Application Fees and Advertisement. Upon receipt of application and an application fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00), the Department of Tidewater Fisheries shall proceed to advertise the application once a week for four successive weeks in a newspaper published in the county in which or nearest to which the area applied for is located; said advertisement to describe the location of the area applied for, the location of the stake marker and to give the name and resident of the applicant; and said Department shall have no authority to issue any lease without such advertisement. The application fee shall remain with the Department until final disposition of the application, and, whenever for any reason, an applicant is not granted a lease said application fee shall be returned to the applicant.

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

Approved April 25, 1947.