

CHAPTER 276.

(House Bill 518)

AN ACT to repeal the Concurrent Laws for the Potomac River, as found in Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), Secs. 64-73, title "Oysters", sub-title "Potomac", and as found in Section 8 of Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, title "Oysters and Clams", sub-title "Concurrent Laws on the Potomac River", and to enact in lieu thereof a new section, to be known as Section 8 of said Article 72.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Concurrent Oyster Laws for the Potomac River, as found in Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), Secs. 64-73, title "Oysters", sub-title "Potomac", and as found in Section 8 of Chapter 929 of the Acts of 1945, title "Oysters and Clams", sub-title "Concurrent Laws on the Potomac River", be and they are hereby repealed and that a new section be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 8 of said Article 72, and to read as follows:

8. CONCURRENT LAWS ON THE POTOMAC RIVER. (a) (Reserving the Potomac River Fisheries for Maryland and Virginia.) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch fish, oysters, or crabs in any manner whatever in the waters of the Potomac River unless he be a citizen of the State of Maryland or of the Commonwealth of Virginia and shall have been a resident of said State or Commonwealth of which he is a citizen for twelve months immediately preceding.

(b) (Joint Use of the Potomac River Fisheries by Maryland and Virginia.) It shall be lawful for any citizen of the State of Maryland or any citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia who has been a resident of said State or Commonwealth for twelve months immediately preceding, and who has been duly licensed by the State or Commonwealth of which he is a citizen, to take or catch fish, oysters or crabs from the waters of the Potomac River in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State or Commonwealth of which he is a citizen.

(c) (Licenses for the Potomac River Fisheries.) Any citizen of the State of Maryland or of the Commonwealth of Virginia entitled to take or catch fish, oysters or crabs from the Potomac River under the provisions of the preceding Sub-section shall first procure a license from a regularly constituted officer determined by the laws and regulations of the State or