

Chapter 299.**AN ACT** authorizing the Governor to appoint General Measurers of Oysters for the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor, at each session of the general assembly, shall appoint for the city of Baltimore five persons, to be known as general measurers of oysters, and one for each of all the other ports of this state, to be known as general measurers of oysters, and the general measurer for the ports of Oxford and Cambridge shall have the same power over the vessels buying oysters in the Choptank river that are hereinafter given to said general measurer over the port for which he was appointed; each of the general measurers of oysters shall give bond to the State of Maryland, in the sum of three thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties; it shall be the duty of said general measurer of oysters to see that the licensed measurers shall properly measure the oysters, and that the law in reference to the measurement of oysters is complied with; all the licensed measurers shall be under the control of the general measurers, and no licensed measurer detected in the perpetration of a wilful fraud shall thereafter measure any oysters under his said license; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the general measurer so appointed to prevent any licensed measurer from measuring oysters so long as he or they have properly performed his duty as said licensed measurer; said general measurers shall receive a compensation for the faithful performance of their duties of five cents per hundred bushels, to be paid by the seller. The city of Baltimore shall be divided into five oyster districts, as follows: number one, extending from Locust point to the intersection of Light and Lee streets; to number two, from the intersection of Light and Lee streets to Long dock; number three, from Long dock to foot of Thames street; number four, from the foot of Thames street to the intersection of Boston and Alice Ann streets; number five, from the intersection of Boston and Alice Ann streets to the south-eastern extremity of the city; the general measurers shall weekly change districts, and no

Number to appoint.

How known.

Give bond.

Who to control

Compensation.

Divided into districts.