

Chapter 518.

AN ACT to repeal chapter one hundred and ninety-eight of the acts passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and eighty, being an act to repeal article seventy-one of the Code of Public General Laws, titled "Oysters," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That chapter one hundred and ninety-eight of the acts passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and eighty, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof, to be article seventy-one of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters."

Repealed and
enacted in lieu.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted,* That no steamer shall be used or employed in catching or taking oysters in the waters of this state with scoop, dredge or similar instrument; and no other boat shall be used in catching oysters with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, or carrying oysters, without first having been licensed as hereinafter provided.

Boat must obtain
license.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the comptroller of the treasury shall, upon application of any person who has been a resident of this state for twelve consecutive months next preceding such application, and to no other person, issue a license to such resident to employ such boat in catching or taking oysters with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, within the waters of Chesapeake bay, Potomac river and in Eastern bay, outside of a line drawn from the southwest corner of second Kent point to Wades point; provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize the catching or taking of oysters with scoop, dredge or similar instrument, on any oyster bar within one and a half miles of Talley's point, Sandy point, Hackett's point, Thomas' point, Holland Island Bar, Three Sisters, Swan Point Bar, Poplar Island, one quarter of a mile west of and between the island and the main land; nor within a half mile of Plum point, or within the boundary lines of any county, unless herein otherwise specified, and to carry, buy and sell oysters in said vessel, which license shall hold good for one

License to resi-
dent.

Proviso.