

Time to catch
oysters.

season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the first day of November and the first day of April, on which day the dredging season shall end and the license expire; but it shall be lawful for the owner of any such boat licensed, whenever said owner shall sell and convey, by bill of sale, for a bona fide consideration, said boat unto any person who has been a resident of the state of Maryland for at least one year, to transfer the said license to said vendee with said boat, which license, when transferred, shall entitle said vendee, with said boat, to the same privileges for catching, carrying, buying or selling oysters in the waters of this state that the original vendor or assignor had before said assignment; provided the said vendee and assignee shall appear before the comptroller of the treasury and make oath before him to all the facts, matters, things and prerequisites required of said original vendor or assignor before taking out such licenses, upon which said license the said comptroller shall certify the fact of said vendee or assignee having taken said oath, and for which said assignee or vendee shall pay the sum of five dollars, to be paid to the State of Maryland; provided that steamboats shall not be prohibited from carrying oysters over their regular routes in barrels, upon paying a tax of three cents per barrel, to be collected under such regulations as shall be established by the commander of the force.

Proviso.

Steamboats
not prohibited.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the owner or master, or any person on board of any vessel in this state to affix any crank, spool, winder or any other machinery or equipment for operating or handling scoops, scrapes or dredges, or to have on board any vessel, scoop, scrape or dredges with intent to affix the same to said vessel for use in taking or catching oysters, without first having obtained a license to take or catch oysters with scoop or dredges as aforesaid.

Not lawful,

Owner make
oath.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the owner of such boat shall make oath before the comptroller or his clerk, or if the owner be a resident of Baltimore city may make oath before the clerk of the court of common pleas, or if a resident of a county may make oath before the clerk of the circuit court for said county, that he is the bona fide owner of such boat, to be described in the license; that he has been a resi-