

CHAPTER 296.

AN ACT to repeal chapter five hundred and eighteen of the acts passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at the January session, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, being an act to repeal article seventy-one of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Oysters," and to re-enact same with amendments, and provide further police regulations for the protection of the oysters in the waters of this State.

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of the General Assembly, passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof, to be article seventy-one of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters."

Repeal.

SEC. 2. *And 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, without first having been licensed as hereinafter provided.

Must have 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 taking or catching 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 Wade's Point; provided, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the taking or catch-

To issue license, to whom.