

22. Before granting such license, the Comptroller shall receive two dollars and eighty-five cents for every gross ton the boat shall measure, and in case any license is issued by the authority of any county, the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county shall receive for such license from the applicant, one dollar and ninety cents per gross ton for every gross ton the boat may measure, except that when the license is issued by authority of any county, the license fee shall be eight dollars for all boats of five gross tons measurement and under, said measurement to be the gross tonnage of custom house measurement; but no allowance or deduction shall be made or allowed by reason of dunnaging; and it shall be the duty of the Commander of the State Fishery Force, and any officer under his command, at any time he or they shall deem it proper, to inspect and verify the measurement of any boat and their gross tonnage; and the measurement ascertained by such officer shall be conclusive and final, and any license granted shall be corrected or amended in accordance with such measurement, and the appropriate license fee hereinbefore named, paid in accordance with such measurement, and the right granted by any license already issued shall be suspended until the full payment of such license fee is completed; provided, that persons applying for scraping license for boats to dredge in the Chesapeake bay, after the first day of January to the fifteenth day of March, shall be required to pay only one dollar and fifty cents per gross ton to the Comptroller of the State for such license, and any law, general or local, in conflict herewith, shall be void and of no effect.

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36. The Board of Public Works shall have power, and it shall be their duty to keep the steamers and sail vessels in good order and repair; and for the purpose of reducing the expenses of the State fishery force, the said board is authorized and hereby required to lay up and put out of commission one steamer, and under no circumstance shall the steamer be placed in commission, except during the dredging season, and only then in such emergency as the Board of Public Works may judge is necessary that both steamers are required to enforce the provisions of this article; and in such cases the commander shall take command of said steamer and ship a crew, and as soon as the emergency is passed the said commander shall discharge said crew and place said steamer out of commission again, retaining only one man to act as watchman, who shall receive not more than thirty dollars per month while so employed; and for the purpose of still further reducing expenses, the said Board of

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