

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 251 of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "Oysters," and sections 155 and 162 of Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Talbot County," sub-title "Oysters," as said sections were repealed and re-enacted with amendments by the Act of 1900, chapter 674, said sections being co-ordinate sections of said Article in relation to the taking of oysters in the waters in common between Dorchester and Talbot counties, be and said sections are hereby severally repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read, respectively, as follows :

Section 155 of Article 21. The clerke of the Circuit Courts for Talbot and Dorchester counties, respectively, shall, upon application of the managing owner, who has been a resident of the county in which he shall apply for one year next preceding such application, and to no other person, issue a license to such resident to employ his boat, of a capacity of seven gross tons or under, such capacity to be ascertained by rules of the custom-house measurement, as hereinafter provided, in taking and catching oysters with dredge, scoop or scrape in the waters of the Choptank river, in said counties, for sale from the first day of November and the fifteenth day of March next succeeding, both inclusive, on which last-named day the license shall expire ; provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize the taking of oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge above a straight line drawn from the long wharf at Cambridge, known as Thomas' Wharf, on the Dorchester shore, to the Bawdle House on the Talbot shore, immediately opposite, or in any tributary of said river, above or below said line ; provided further, that the applicant shall pay such clerk the sum of one dollar and ninety cents per gross ton, according to the capacity of the vessel to be licensed, which capacity shall be determined by gross tonnage ; and all boats measuring less than five tons gross shall pay eight dollars for said license, which shall be good for one season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the first day of November and the fifteenth day of March next succeeding ; and until such license is obtained, it shall be unlawful to use or employ any vessel in taking or catching any oysters, as hereinbefore described ; provided, that the waters of Talbot county, lying between Black Walnut Point and a line drawn from the southwest corner of Second Kent Point to Wales Point, except the waters between Poplar Island and the mainland, lying within a straight line drawn from Pawpaw Point on Tilghman's Island to the southwesternmost point on Poplar Island and by a straight line drawn from Lowe's Point on the main-

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