

written notice to the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners of his intention to become such lessee within six months after the passage hereof. The holding of any person who may have appropriated any such land shall become void and of no effect in law upon the expiration of the said period of six months from the passage hereof, if no such notice of intention will have been given within said period of six months.

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Section 109. The lessee of any land leased for the purpose of planting and cultivating oysters shall have exclusive ownership of and title to all oysters planted by him or existing on the land leased.

Exclusive ownership, etc.

Section 110. No assignment or transfer of any interest acquired by this Act shall be valid for any purpose if made to a non-resident of this State. If any such assignment is attempted to be made, all interest of the grantor or assignor shall revert to the State, as if no lease had ever been made. If any assignment of any interest created by this Act is attempted to be made to any corporation, or joint stock company; all the interest of the grantor or assignor shall revert to the State as if no lease had ever been made. If any assignment of any interest created by this Act is attempted to be made to any person in such a way that the assignee shall become the holder of more than ten acres, or one hundred acres, as the case may be, according to the location of land leased under this Act, all interest of the grantor, or assignor, in case of such an assignment, shall revert to the State as if no lease had been made.

Validity of assignment.

Section 111. It shall be lawful for any tonger, between the 15th day of April and the 15th day of May in any year, to take oysters from such natural beds or bars in the tonging districts of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, as the commission may mark out for that purpose, and under such regulations as said commission may from time to time prescribe; and provided, however, that said oysters may be sold only for the purposes now permitted under the existing laws of Maryland, during the season of the year above mentioned; and in addition thereto, to persons engaged in the industry of planting and cultivating oysters within the area designated by this Act, the same to be delivered only upon lands which may have been leased under the provisions of this Act for said purposes of planting or cultivation.

Unlawful to take oysters from natural beds between 15th day of April and 15th day of May.