

one season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters between the fifteenth day of October and the fifteenth day of March, on which day the dredging season shall end, and the license expire; but it shall be lawful for the owner of any such licensed boat, 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 said license to said vendee, with said boat, which license when transferred shall entitle said vendee to the same privileges for catching or taking oysters, with said boat in the waters of this State, that the original vendor or assignor had had before said assignment; provided, said vendee and assignee shall appear before the Comptroller of the Treasury and make oath before him to all the facts, matters and things required of said original vendor or assignor, before taking out such license, upon which said license the said Comptroller shall certify in writing the fact of said vendee or assignee having taken said oath, for which said certificate the said vendee or assignee shall pay to the said Comptroller the sum of five dollars for the use of the oyster fund. The provisions of this section in relation to time of taking oysters, the time of expiration of license, and the transfer of ownership shall apply to all vessels licensed by any county in this State, to take and catch oysters with scrape or scoop, and any law, general or local, in conflict herewith, shall be void and of no effect.

Assignment  
of license.

20. It shall not be lawful for the owner or master or any person on board of a vessel in this State to affix any crank, spool, winder or other machinery or equipment for operating or handling scoops or dredges, or to have on board any vessel a scoop, scrape or dredge, with intent to affix the same to said vessel for the use in taking or catching oysters, without having first obtained a license to take or catch oysters with a scoop or dredge, as aforesaid; and the fact of having such scoop, dredge or scrape on board of any vessel shall be prima facie evidence of an intent to use the same contrary to this section.

Dredges on  
unlicensed  
vessels.

21. The owner of such boat shall make oath before the Comptroller or his clerk, or, if the owner be a resident of Baltimore city, he may make oath before the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, or if a resident of a county, he 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 resident of the State for the time

Oath of appli-  
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