

CHAPTER 432.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 172 of Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Somerset County," sub-title "Oysters."

Repeal.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 172 of Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Somerset County," sub-title "Oysters," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

License to be issued.

172. The clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset county, upon the application of any person who has been a resident of the county for six months and of the State for twelve months immediately preceding his application, and is a *bona fide* owner of the vessel to be used by him, or upon a certificate of any justice of the peace of said county, certifying to the same, shall issue to such citizen a license authorizing him to catch or take oysters with scoop, scrape or dredge in any waters of said county not parcel of any creek, river, cove or inlet, which license shall hold good for one oyster season only, and shall only authorize the catching of oysters as aforesaid, between the fifteenth day of October in any year and the fifteenth day of March next succeeding, on which said last mentioned day the said season shall close and end in said county, and said license shall expire; but no vessel over ten and one-half tons gross tonnage, ascertained by proper custom house measurement, shall be authorized to be used under any such license, and no vessel over ten and one-half tons gross tonnage shall be used or employed in taking oysters in any waters of said county, and the said license shall specify the canoe or vessel to be used by the licensee, the number and name, and said citizen shall pay for said license at the rate of two dollars per ton for the vessel so employed; and the tonnage of vessels and canoes to be licensed shall be ascertained by custom house measurement, and no canoe or other vessel shall be employed in taking oysters with scrapes, scoops, drag or dredge, in the waters of Somerset county unless the owner thereof shall have first obtained a license therefor as above provided, and any person having a license aforesaid, for any vessel shall also provide a number on canvass to be prescribed and furnished by the clerk of the Circuit Court of the same size as that required now or hereafter by the State oyster law, in red figures, corresponding with the number of his said license, and shall affix the same securely to the mainsail, but on the opposite side thereof from that required by the State law, and shall keep the said number in