

ARTICLE XX.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

CHAPTER 581.

AN ACT to fix and regulate the time of taking oysters with the rake or tongs in the waters of Somerset County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any resident of Somerset County desiring to take or catch oysters for sale with rake or tongs in any of the waters of said county shall first obtain, by application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the said county, a separate license for every person to be so employed in the manner and as required by the provisions of Article 72, title "Oysters," subtitle "Tonging," of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, and such license shall take effect only from the fifteenth day of September, in the year in which it may have been obtained, to the twenty-fifth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding; provided, that such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters in any creek, cove, river, inlet, bay or sound within the limits of any county other than Somerset county, and if any person shall take oysters with rakes or tongs for sale as aforesaid, without first having obtained a license, as required by the provisions of this section, he shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace of the county wherein the offense has been committed, be fined not less than twenty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and stand committed to the county jail until all costs and fines are paid; and in any such case the boat or vessel used by him shall be forfeited and may be condemned, in the discretion of the judge or justice of the peace, in the manner provided by Section 24 of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, title "Oysters," subtitle "Dredging." All persons taking or catching oysters under the provisions of this Article shall exhibit their authority for so doing when required by any official of the oyster police force or other officer of the State.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act be and he same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 13, 1910.