

CHAPTER 121.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 172 of Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Somerset County," subtitle "Oysters," as amended by Act of the General Assembly of 1900, Chapter 472, and by Act of the General Assembly of 1902, Chapter 422, relating to the taking of oysters with scoops, scrapes, drag or dredge within the waters of Somerset County, and prohibiting the taking of oysters with tongs in any boat propelled, in whole or part, by wind or sail.

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," subtitle "Oysters," as amended by the Acts of the General Assembly of 1900, Chapter 472, and by the Acts of the General Assembly of 1902, Chapter 422, be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

Section 172. The clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset County, upon application of any person who has been a resident of the county for six months and of the State of Maryland 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 such application, 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 1st day of November in any year, and the 31st 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 measurement, 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 license, 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 measurements, and no canoe or other vessel shall be employed in taking oysters with scrapes, scoops, drag or dredge, or other similar instruments, in the waters of Somerset County, unless the owner thereof shall first have obtained a license therefor as above provided; and it shall be unlawful for any