

CHAPTER 753.

AN ACT to replenish, protect and conserve certain natural oyster beds, bars and rocks of this State for public use, under certain restrictions, and for that purpose to add six new Sections to Article 72 of the Public General Laws of Maryland as codified in Bagby's Annotated Code, title "Oysters," to follow Section 131, and to be designated respectively as Sections 132, 133, 134, 135, 136 and 137.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following six Sections be and the same are hereby added to Article 72 of the Public General Laws of Maryland as codified in Bagby's Annotated Code, title "Oysters," to follow Section 131, and to be designated respectively as Sections 132, 133, 134, 135, 136 and 137, and to read as follows:

SEC. 132. The Commander of the State Fishery Force is hereby authorized to select and reserve for oyster conservation, as provided in this Act, any portion or portions of the natural beds, bars and rocks located along the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay between the lower end of Holland Point, Bar Rock and Pungy Harbor Rock. The Commander shall give notice of said reservation by advertisement to be inserted once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper published in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County and Calvert County, respectively, which advertisement shall describe the area reserved and give the date on which the reservation takes effect, and shall warn all persons not to catch or disturb oysters upon such reserved area until further notice from the Commander reopening same for public use. Whenever in the discretion of the Commander such reserved area shall have been replenished, but in no event later than three years after the beginning of such reservation, he shall fix a date for reopening same to the public, and shall give notice thereof by proper advertisement inserted as above provided. Any person who shall catch or disturb any oysters upon such reserved areas between the date such reservation begins and the date fixed by the Commander for reopening same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in jail or in the House of Correction for not less than three months, nor more than one year in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 133. Any resident of this State holding a dredger's or scraper's license for the past season may make application to the Commander of the State Fishery Force at his office in An-