- (4) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall not be shipped out of the State of Maryland until the charge or tax of five cents per bushel shall have been paid.
- (5) Oysters caught upon reserved areas shall be culled in accordance with the existing law relating to culling, and the undersized oysters shall be returned to the natural bars from which the same were taken.
- (6) Before any oysters are caught upon such reserved areas, the Captain of each vessel shall take out a special license from the Comptroller, at a cost of \$1.00 per vessel, such license to be issued only after the Captain of such vessel has taken an oath before the Comptroller, or his agent, that he will not remove oysters caught upon such reserved areas until the Deputy Commander's certificate in the form above provided, has been issued to him, that he will faithfully comply with all provisions of law regulating the catching of oysters upon reserved areas, and that he will pay, or cause to be paid, the tax of five cents per bushel upon all such oysters so caught by him.

Catching oysters upon such reserved areas shall continue subject to the foregoing conditions and restrictions during the remainder of the oyster season current at the time the Commander reopens same, as above provided. Thereafter the said areas shall be thrown open to public use in the same manner as other natural beds and bars are now used, unless the said areas are again set aside for replenishing, in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Any person who shall catch oysters upon such reserved areas contrary to the provisions, conditions and restrictions of this Section, 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. 135. The Comptroller of the State Treasury shall pass the amount of the special charge or tax of five cents per bushel, provided for by this Act, to the credit of a fund to be known as the "Oyster Conservation Fund." This fund shall be drawn upon only for reimbursing to persons holding the Deputy Commander's certificates, the expense of catching, removing and transplanting seed oysters, not to exceed five cents per bushel, and any excess thereafter remaining may be used by the Commander for purchasing oyster shells or obtaining other seed oysters, to be transplanted under the direction of the Commander upon such areas within the location mentioned in Section 133, as may be hereafter set apart by him for that purpose.