

CHAPTER 828.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact Sections 2-A and 2-B of the Acts of 1908, Chapter 740, entitled "Fish and Fisheries," sub-title "Head of Bay."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 2-A and Section 2-B of Article 39 of the Public General Laws, title "Fish and Fisheries," sub-title "Head of Bay," as enacted by Chapter 740 of the Acts of 1908, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2-A. No person shall at any time be allowed to fish with purse nets at any point in the Chesapeake Bay above or north of a line drawn east from Robin's Point on the Western Shore to Handy's Point on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

SEC. 2-B. No person shall fish with purse or buck nets within the State of Maryland south of the line drawn from the line aforesaid due east to the Eastern Shore without first obtaining a license so to do from the Comptroller of the Treasury, and then only from June 15th to November 1st of each year, and the applicant shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each and every purse or buck net owned and operated by him, whereupon the said Comptroller shall issue to such applicant a license or licenses to operate such purse or buck nets, and all moneys arising from said license shall be paid into the State Treasury for the maintenance of the State Oyster Navy, and any person failing to procure such a license and violating the provision of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be subject to the fines and penalties imposed by Section 3 of this Article, and to the penalties imposed by the Statutes of Maryland for failure to procure licenses wherever required by law. It shall be unlawful to use a purse or buck net with a mesh less than three inches for the catching of food fish, and no license shall be issued by the Comptroller of the Treasury for the use of a purse or buck net with a mesh less than three inches, and unless the steam or sail boats used in connection with purse or buck nets have been owned by bona fide residents of the State of Maryland twelve months before the issuing of said license. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no one shall be permitted to use purse or buck nets in Chester River or any of the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay within the limits of Baltimore, Queen Anne's, Anne Arundel, Harford or Cecil