

time to exceed the amount to the credit of said account. In the event that the amount due to the credit of said account should not be sufficient at the end of any year to meet the deficiency or deficiencies of any one or more of said officers, the additional sum necessary to meet such deficiency or deficiencies shall be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to such officer or officers; and, except as provided in this section, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall not be liable for any of the salaries or expenses of any of said officers, and shall not be liable for the fees or costs of any of said officers, except in cases where said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is a party litigant, and is chargeable therefor as such party litigant. In the event that the amount to the credit of said account shall be more than sufficient to meet said deficiency or deficiencies, then the excess to the credit of said account shall be a part of the general revenue of the State available to meet the appropriations in the State budget.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1924.

Approved April 9, 1924.

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#### CHAPTER 577.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 114 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title, "Oysters," said section relating to the catching of oysters upon leased lands.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 114 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

114. No person shall catch or take oysters with dredge or similar instrument on any land held by lease under the provisions of this sub-title without first having obtained a license therefor in the same manner as is now required by law for dredging oysters on the natural bars in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Oysters may be taken in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and all other waters of the State on such leased bottoms by the holders of such leased bottoms by dredging, scraping or tonging with boats propelled by oars, sails or otherwise, at such time as may be desired by the hold-