

way affect leases of a part or all of the areas re-surveyed, actually issued and in force at the time of such survey, unless the respective lessees thereof shall voluntarily surrender their leases or shall have forfeited same by reason of non-payment of rentals; and provided further that before filing any amendments to the chart, he shall cause to be published in a paper of Worcester County for three successive weeks a notice of his intentions so to do and set a date in said notice when and where a public hearing will be held.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 154D of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Oysters," sub-title "Oyster Culture," as same was enacted by Chapter 432 of the Acts of 1931, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

Section 154D. A lessee is privileged to cultivate or remove oysters so planted on his leased area in any manner that he deems proper provided he has complied with the law providing for the licensing of boats or tongers in removing them for market or transplanting.

All the rights of a lessee provided for in Section 123 of this Article shall apply to a lessee holding ground under this sub-title with the further right to exclude all persons from crabbing, fishing with nets or clamming upon his leased area.

If any part of the rent reserved under such leases shall remain unpaid sixty days after same becomes due, such lease or leases may be, at the option of the Conservation Department, declared void. In that event the land shall revert to the State and may be leased again in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly, shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved December 15, 1933.