

## CHAPTER 221.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 154B of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Oysters," sub-title "Oyster Culture," as said section was amended by Chapter 77 of the Acts of the Extraordinary Session of 1933, providing that certain waters in Worcester County shall not be subject to lease for a period of two years.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 154B of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Oysters," sub-title "Oyster Culture," as said section was amended by Chapter 77 of the Acts of the Extraordinary Session of 1933, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

154B. The Waters of Worcester County, except those exempted by Section 125, and such waters as are or may be designated as clamming grounds, provided for in Section 154BB, are hereby declared to be open for oyster culture, according to the provisions of this sub-title and as herein provided.

Any resident of Maryland who may desire to plant or cultivate oysters on said area may apply to the Conservation Department for a lease, not exceeding fifty acres to any one person.

At the time of the filing the application the applicant shall stake out the ground applied for and designate same by four suitable stakes or markers, one of which shall be placed on each corner of said lot, and shall plainly mark his name on the two outer stakes. Said stakes when properly placed shall designate the lot applied for and give the applicant prior rights to said ground until the surveyor of the department shall have an opportunity to survey same in order to get the proper boundaries. After said ground has been so surveyed, the stakes or buoys must be kept up as is required in the case of other leased ground in the State.

Whenever the Conservation Commissioner shall consider that the Ocean City Inlet is sufficiently advanced to warrant the leasing of oyster bottoms, he shall give notice, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Worcester County, that on a day to be named in said notice, he will receive applications for lease; and no application shall be acted upon by the Conservation Commissioner until after the giving of said notices as herein provided.