

creeks the use of any engine of any kind in or upon any boat or vessel, while said boat or vessel is being used, or while any person thereon is engaged in scraping or scooping crabs, is expressly prohibited.

(c) This section shall not apply to that part of Dorchester County which includes the following bars and their tributaries: Honga River, Tar Bay, Hooper's Straits, Fishing Bay and Holland's Straits.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 26, 1941.

CHAPTER 765.

(House Bill 626)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 113 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Oysters", sub-title "Oyster Culture", relating to renewal of leases of oyster bottoms after twenty years.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 113 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Oysters", sub-title "Oyster Culture", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

113. After the survey or re-survey provided for herein shall have been completed, it shall be the duty of the Conservation Department to lease, in the name of the State of Maryland, tracts or parcels of land beneath the waters of this State, whether within the limits of the Counties or elsewhere, in the area to be opened for oyster culture, according to the provisions of this sub-title; provided, that no tract so leased, if situated within the territorial limits of any County in this State, shall contain less than one acre of land, and if situated in any other place, no tract so leased shall contain less than five acres. It shall be the duty of said Department to require that the tracts so leased shall be as nearly rectangular as is convenient. It shall be the duty of the said Department to demand from each lessee payment of the rent each year in advance. No person shall be permitted, by lease, assignment or in any other manner, to acquire a greater amount of land than thirty acres situated within the territorial limits of any of the Counties, or five hundred acres in any other place;