

three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 29, 1941.

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CHAPTER 389.

(Senate Bill 145)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 168 and 169 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Oysters", sub-title "Reserved Areas", and to enact in lieu thereof eight new sections to be known as Sections 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 168 and 169 of said Article; authorizing the Conservation Commission to reserve certain areas in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries for oyster conservation or propagation, specifying the powers of the Commission in connection therewith, levying a special tax on oysters caught on planted areas, and providing penalties for violation of this Act and prescribing the salary of the Commander of the Fishery Force.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 168, 169 of Article 72 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Oysters", sub-title "Reserved Areas", be and the same is hereby repealed and eight new sections in lieu thereof be enacted and to be known as Sections 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 168 and 169 and to read as follows:

159. The Conservation Commission is authorized to close to dredging and reserve any portion of the natural beds, bars or rocks of the Chesapeake Bay or tributaries in dredger's area, whenever in the judgment of the Commission such reservation is necessary or advisable to protect or promote the growth of oysters thereon by a period of rest or by planting thereon oysters, shells or other cultch, or in any other feasible manner which the Commission may deem best. The Commission shall give notice of such reservation by advertisement to be inserted in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the State and by notice to the Commander of the Fishery Force and the Deputy Commanders in charge of the reserved area or areas; said notice shall describe the area reserved and give the date on which the reservation takes effect, which date shall