

that purpose, provided application is made before December 1, 1943. The additional licensees and those already licensed to fish in 1943 shall not exceed the total number of such licenses issued in 1942. The first license to be issued shall be to those who have applied since November 1, 1941, but who have not been granted a license. If the number of qualified applicants is less than the difference between the 1942 and 1943 licenses issued, the Commission shall issue licenses in the order that applications are received up to but not exceeding the total number of such licenses issued in 1942. In no case shall a license be issued unless the applicant can show that he will use the licensed nets within a reasonable time after issuance of said license. The applicant shall not be licensed to fish a greater number of nets than he actually fished during the last year in which he engaged in the taking of fish for commercial purposes. In no case shall the number of licensed nets to any licensee exceed the average number of nets or the average length of nets for which licenses were issued in 1942 in the particular class for which application is made for such license.

63. Licenses to operate nets granted under the authority of this sub-title shall expire on December 31st of each year, but shall be renewable annually to the person named therein, unless revoked or suspended for cause, provided application for renewal for the ensuing year be filed on or before December 1st of the preceding year. If any person shall fail to make a bona fide use of his license during any two consecutive license years, the license shall lapse and shall not be renewed. Provided, however, that no license shall lapse if the licensee fails to renew or make bona fide use of his license because of induction or enlistment into the armed forces or employment in essential war industries and such licensee makes application to the Commission for the renewal of his license within one year of the termination of hostilities or from the date of his release from the armed forces; and provided, further, that if a licensee shall, at any time during the war emergency, be unable to fish all the nets for which he was licensed because of some condition arising out of the war, he shall not, in consequence thereof, be deprived of his right to license such nets thereafter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and, having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by 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 4, 1943.