

of thirty days from the beginning of the season where he shall take or catch such oysters.

(b) *Tonging License for Women.* The County Commissioners of any county are hereby authorized to give to any woman who has no visible means of support special written permission which shall constitute a license, to take or catch oysters with tongs from any natural oyster bar of this State, and no fee shall be charged for such permission.

(c) *How to Apply for a License.* Every applicant for a tonging license shall be required to appear before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county wherein he may reside, and make oath or affirmation that the facts which he shall set forth are strictly true; that he has been a bona fide resident of the county for twelve months next preceding his application for said license; that he desires and intends to use said license in the county in which he resides or in the waters used in common by his own and other counties; and that he will comply with and obey all laws of this State regulating the taking or catching of oysters with tongs or patent tongs.

(d) *Issuance of License.* Upon taking the oath described in the preceding section and upon receipt of a license fee of Three Dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50), the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County wherein the applicant resides shall issue a tonging license authorizing the person licensed to take or catch oysters with tongs or patent tongs, subject to the further regulations or restrictions provided in this Article.

(e) *Contents of License.* Each and every tonging license issued in conformity with the provisions of this Article shall state the name, color, age, residence of the person to whom the license is granted, the number of the license and the name of the county from which the license was issued.

(f) *Printing of License Form.* The Comptroller of the Treasury shall cause to be printed and delivered to the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the counties the requisite number of blank licenses and shall take receipts for the same as for other licenses furnished; and the said Clerks shall on the first Monday of March and December of each year return to the Comptroller a list and account of such licenses issued by them, and at the end of each tonging season shall return all unused licenses to the Comptroller.

(g) *Clerks' Fee.* For every license issued as described above, the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the counties shall receive twenty-five cents (25¢) of the Three Dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) paid for such license.