

## CHAPTER 662

(House Bill 770)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 62 and 63B of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Licenses", relating to the manner of issuance and the fees of certain licenses for the taking of fin fish for commercial purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 62 and 63B of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-title "Licenses", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

62. (When Additional Licenses may be issued.) Prior to December 1st 1941, and prior to December 1st in each succeeding year, the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries shall make an estimate of the quantity of marketable fin fish of every species (except eels) that may be available during the succeeding license year and of the number and types of nets that may be profitably employed without injury to the fishery. If the Commission shall determine that additional nets for the taking of fin fish (except eels) should be licensed, over and above the number actually applied for prior to December 1st, then it shall give public notice, by advertisement once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county or counties in which the licenses will be issued, of the number of additional nets that may be licensed and of the areas where the same may be operated and shall state that applications will be received up to a date to be set by the Commission. An applicant to qualify for a license must have been issued a license for catching crabs or oysters for two preceding years with catch records or sales records proving that he was engaged in the catching of seafood, or shall submit proof to the Commission that he has been engaged in or employed in the business of catching fish commercially for two years. He shall further present proof satisfactory to the Commission that the catching of seafood has been his principal occupation for the past two years during the normal fishing season in his area. Immediately upon the expiration of the

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.