

more than one house for the buying, selling, marketing, packing or canning of oysters, a separate license shall be obtained for each house in which oysters are shucked or otherwise prepared for market; such license to be in the nature and form of a contract between the State of Maryland and the applicant, and shall provide for the payment of a license fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and shall further provide that the licensee shall turn over to the State of Maryland [at least] twenty percent (20%) of the shells from the oysters shucked in his establishment for the current season, said shells to be removed on or before the twentieth day of August following [ ]; or at the discretion of the Commission, its equivalent in money, the value thereof being determined at the market value of shells as of the first day of May following the close of the season. The said Department shall notify each packer or canner on or before the first day of May whether it is its intention to take the twenty percent (20%) of the shells from oysters shucked as aforesaid, or its equivalent in money]. *In addition to the said twenty percent (20%) of the shells to be turned over to the State, every such licensee shall set aside an additional quantity of thirty percent (30%) of the shells from the oysters shucked in his establishment for the current season, and on or before the twentieth day of August following, the said licensee shall turn over such shells to the State.* THE DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES SHALL HAVE THE PRIOR RIGHT TO PURCHASE ANY OR ALL OF SAID 30% OF THE SHELLS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE SET ASIDE FOR THE STATE BUT SHALL, NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1ST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE SHELLS ARE TO BE PLANTED, NOTIFY ALL OWNERS OF OYSTER SHELLS IN THE STATE OF ITS INTENTION TO PURCHASE SUCH SHELLS. *The State shall reimburse the said licensee for the costs of such thirty percent (30%) share of the shells at the current market price therefor.* PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AS TO EVERY SUCH LICENSEE IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE OPTION OF DECIDING WHETHER TO TAKE THE SHELLS OR THE EQUIVALENT VALUE IN MONEY, WITH RESPECT TO THE TWENTY PERCENT PORTION OF THE SHELLS REFERRED TO HEREINABOVE; AND WITH RESPECT TO THE SAID THIRTY PERCENT PORTION OF THE SHELLS, THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE OPTION OF DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO PURCHASE SUCH SHELLS AT THE CURRENT MARKET PRICE THEREFOR. Said license shall