

“Oysters and Clams”, providing that oysters containing more than five per cent (5%) shells legally taken from privately owned beds outside the State of Maryland must be certified and inspected prior to their storage in Maryland shucking houses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 652 (c) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title “Natural Resources”, sub-title “Oysters and Clams”, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

652. (c) Extent of Cull Law. All the provisions of this sub-title relating to the inspection and culling of oysters and the imposition of penalties for the violation of the cull law shall apply to oysters in the shell found anywhere within the State, whether afloat or ashore, and whether said oysters have been caught within the waters of this State or shipped or brought into Maryland from other states [.] ; *provided that oysters containing more than five per cent (5%) shells AND/OR SMALL OYSTERS legally taken from privately owned beds without the State of Maryland, in order to be admitted into the State of Maryland, must be inspected by an officer of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries prior to their storage in the shucking house and said oysters must be accompanied by a bill of sale or bill of lading issued by the private planters selling the cargo or cargoes, or an appropriate certificate from the proper authorities of the state of origin, certifying that said cargo or cargoes were taken from privately owned oyster beds in said foreign state and that said oysters were legally taken and in full compliance with the laws of the state of origin.*

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 the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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