

land [twenty percent (20%)] *fifty percent (50%)* 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. [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 thirty percent (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 (20%) portion of the shells referred to hereinabove; and with respect to the said thirty percent (30%) 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 have effect from the first day of September in the year in which it may have been obtained until the twenty-fifth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved March 31, 1953.

CHAPTER 160

(Senate Bill 142)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 48 of Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland

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.