

TIONS) ; and defining when residents of Maryland using a trot line for the taking or catching of crabs must secure a license.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 328 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Crabs", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

328. It shall be lawful for any person or persons to take or catch crabs by scrape, dip net and trot line in any of the waters of the State and in no other manner or by any other means, except that in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties soft crabs may be taken by means of hand-drawn net scrape, and in Anne Arundel County, except within the waters of the Severn River, hard or soft crabs may be taken by means of crab seines not exceeding fifty feet in length and provided the seines are hauled up in the water and not on shore [.] ; *provided, however, that non-residents of the State of Maryland are prohibited from taking or catching crabs by use of a trot line.* OR TROT LINES EXCEEDING 100 YARDS IN LENGTH, (EXCEPT FROM A 'FOR HIRE' BOAT OPERATED BY THE OWNER WHO IS PRESENT ON THE BOAT AND IS LICENSED TO TAKE CRABS FOR MARKET) ; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT NO TROT LINE SHALL BE PLACED IN THE WATER IN SUCH MANNER THAT THE LINE WOULD INTERSECT OR CROSS ANOTHER LINE ALREADY PLACED IN THE WATER. *Any resident of Maryland using a trot line of a length greater than one hundred yards shall be deemed to be taking crabs for market and shall first secure a license as required for the taking or catching of crabs for market.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each such violation. The provisions of this section shall not apply to Apes Hole, Johnson Creek, Marumisco Creek and little Annemessex River.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 622

(House Bill 23)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Sections 76, 77, 78, 81, 82, 83, 84 and 91 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Chancery", sub-title "Adoption", and to add new Section 80A to said Article and sub-title, to follow immediately after Section 80 thereof, gen-

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.