

ment System as if it were divided into separate retirement systems, one being applicable to employees of the State of Maryland and the other or others being applicable to the employees of any political subdivision who may have been enrolled as members of the State Employees' Retirement System. Also, with respect to the Teachers' Retirement System, the State of Maryland is declared to have the option of treating any institution of higher learning having teachers or other members as members of the Teachers' Retirement System as if that institution of higher learning had a separate retirement system.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT TO THE CONTRARY, NO REFERENDUM SHALL BE HELD OR AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYEES OR OFFICIALS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1956.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 637

(House Bill 231)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (d) of Section 656 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", restricting Dredging licenses in Dorchester and Talbot Counties to bona fide residents of said counties who have resided in said counties for twelve (12) months immediately prior to the date of application for the licenses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sub-section (d) of Section 656 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Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

656(d) Issuance of License. Upon the applicant's oath and upon receipt of application, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall issue to said applicant a numbered license and a piece of canvas bearing the number of the license painted in red; and for such license and number said applicant shall pay to said Clerk a license fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per gross ton for every gross ton said boat shall measure; and

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.