

In the Dorchester County waters only, of the Nanticoke River, south of a line from Newfoundland Point in Dorchester County to Haterown Point in Wicomico County—500 yards.

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

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 643

(House Bill 310)

AN ACT to repeal Section 33 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Lands Formed by Channel Excavation in Sinepuxent and Chincoteague Bays", and to enact a new Section 33 in lieu thereof, said new section to stand in the place and stead of the section so repealed, declaring to be natural resources of the State of Maryland certain islands in Sinepuxent, Isle of Wight and Chincoteague Bays and to clarify the legislative intention with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland by Chapter 69 of the Acts of the Extraordinary Session of 1933 of the General Assembly of Maryland, provided that the State of Maryland retain title to the islands in Sinepuxent, Isle of Wight and Chincoteague Bays formed by the deposit of excavated material from the dredging operations during the construction of the Ocean City Inlet and the construction of the channel in said bays, which said Act was amended by Chapter 224 of the 1935 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland and again amended by Chapter 920 of the 1945 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, and is not codified as Section 33 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition); and

WHEREAS, the recitals of the original Act indicate that it was intended to apply only to islands created or made in said bays by deposits of excavated material from said dredging operations, but the language of the Act and of the amendments thereto has raised questions as to whether it applies to later accretions to lands along the shores of said bays, or surrounded by the waters of said bays, which where under private ownership in 1933; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that it be made clear that said Act and the amendments thereto were not intended to affect accretions to privately owned lands bounding on, or surrounded by the waters of, Chincoteague, Isle of Wight and Sinepuxent Bays nor to repeal nor to amend the general law of the State of Maryland relating to accretions of lands bounding on any of the navigable waters of the State, as now expressed in Section 45 of Article 54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition).

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.