

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 215A to 215L be and they are hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", said new sections to follow immediately after Section 215 of said Article 43 and to be under the new sub-title "Crab Meat", and all to read as follows:*

*Crab Meat*

*215A. (a) The following definitions shall apply to the interpretation and enforcement of this sub-title:*

*(b) Crabmeat. The term "crabmeat" shall mean the edible meat of steamed or cooked crabs, without other processing than picking, packing and chilling.*

*(c) Crabmeat Products. The term "crabmeat products" shall mean any and all products made from crabmeat, with or without seasoning, bread, cracker crumbs, and other wholesome and edible products, which are prepared, packaged, cooked or otherwise processed in preparing a product for distribution and sale for human consumption.*

*(d) Picking Plant. The term "picking plant" shall mean any place where crabs are steamed or cooked and edible meat is picked and packed therefrom, except those places where crabmeat or crabmeat products are sold at retail or for consumption on the premises.*

*(e) Processing Plant. The term "processing plant" shall mean any place where crabmeat or crabmeat products are prepared, packaged or cooked, except those places where crabmeat or crabmeat products are sold at retail or for consumption on the premises.*

*(f) Person. The term "person" shall mean any individual, partnership, corporation, or association.*

*(g) Adulteration. The term "adulteration" as applied to crabmeat shall mean (1) if any substance has been substituted wholly or in part for the article, (2) if it consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for human consumption, (3) or if it has been prepared, packed or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health. As applied to crabmeat products "adulteration" shall mean (1) that the product contains an unwholesome substance or (2) if it has been prepared, packed or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health or (3) that it does not conform to the definition of the product if that product be herein defined.*

*215B. Every person operating a crabmeat picking plant in the State of Maryland is hereby required to obtain a license for each such plant. Each owner or operator is hereby required to hold a license for each processing plant operated; provided, however, that persons or places which prepare crabmeat products for consumption on the premises or for sale at retail will not be required to apply for or obtain a license for a processing plant. All licenses referred to in this section shall be obtained at the time and in the manner set forth in Section 215D. The State Board of Health shall*