

title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", relating to the use of patent tongs on certain oyster bars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 653(k) 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Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

653.

(k) Patent Tongs. It shall be unlawful to use or employ any patent tongs to take or catch oysters in any of the following waters: Queen Anne's, Talbot, Anne Arundel, Dorchester and Kent Counties, except on Swann Point Bar and Lighthouse Lump, *and except that on Hickory Thicket Bar and Wickes Beach Bar the Department of Tidewater Fisheries may, in its discretion, open or close these two bars* THIS BAR for patent tonging; or in the Patuxent River above and north of a straight line joining Sotterly Wharf and St. Leonards Beacon; or within one and one-half miles of Sandy Point, Hackett's Point, Thomas' Point, Holland's Point Bar and Three Sisters Bar; or in the tributaries of the Potomac River in St. Mary's County.

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

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 573

(Senate Bill 287)

AN ACT to add Section 597B to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Sabbath Breaking", said new section to follow immediately after 597A thereof, concerning the playing of certain games and sports and the operation of certain establishments and amusements in Harford County on Sundays.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Sabbath Breaking", said new section to be known as Section 597B, to follow immediately after Section 597A thereof, and to read as follows:

597B. (a) *Nothing contained in Section 578 of this Article shall be construed to prohibit or make unlawful in Harford County the playing of the games of baseball, golf, tennis, basketball, soccer or hockey on Sunday, whether played for recreation or whether admis-*

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.