

Titling", relating to refunds by the Department of Motor Vehicles on certain license tags in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 83 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

83. (Refunds on Semi-Annual Basis.) Upon the surrender of the certificates and *unused* registration plates provided for in Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J, and upon application made therefor, the original owner shall be entitled to [refund of the amount paid for such certificates and registration plates for the unused portion of the registration year calculated on a semi-annual basis with no allowance for fractional portions of a half-year period; provided, however, that in the case of Class A, the refund shall be \$5.00 where the fee is \$15.00 and \$7.50 where the fee is \$23.00, and in the case of Class D the refund shall be \$1.50; provided further, that] refund of the entire fee [shall be allowed] on unused license plates [for the year beginning April 1, 1949, and each year thereafter,] when returned to the Department within thirty days after date of issuance; or returned prior to April 1st, where secured between February 15th and 29th preceding.

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

Approved April 25, 1955.

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## CHAPTER 577

(Senate Bill 301)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 651 (a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams"; to enact a new sub-section to Section 663 of said Article, the same to be known as Section 663 (f) and to follow immediately after Section 663 (e) and to enact a new section to said Article, to be known as Section 663A and to follow immediately after Section 663, making it legal to use a hydraulic or mechanical dredge for the taking of soft shell clams (*Mya arenaria*), providing for the application of the provisions of Section 663 to hard shell clams (*Venus mercenaria*), setting forth the method of licensing hydraulic or mechanical dredges and of persons using other legal gear and dealers in soft shell clams, regulating the areas in which soft shell clams may be taken, providing for the closing and reopening of soft shell clam beds, setting penalties for violations and, in general, regulating the tak-

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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.