

has enrolled its employees in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, who at any previous time was an elected or appointed official of the State, shall be entitled upon application to receive credit for prior service rendered by them to the State of Maryland. The Board of Trustees shall verify the fact of previous tenure as an elected or appointed official of the State of Maryland, compute the amount due from the State for the prior service credit, and is authorized and directed to include the said amount in the appropriation in next ensuing State budget.

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

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 603

(Senate Bill 532)

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 663 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-heading "Oysters and Clams", said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section (f) and to follow immediately after Sub-section (e) thereof, prohibiting the taking of soft shell clams (*mya arenaria*) by certain devices in the waters of Somerset ~~County~~, KENT AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new sub-section be and it is hereby added to Section 663 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-heading "Oysters and Clams", said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section (f) and to follow immediately after Sub-section (e) thereof, and to read as follows:*

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*(f) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take, catch or dredge soft shell clams (*mya arenaria*) from any county waters of Somerset ~~County~~, KENT AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES by the use of any hydraulic or mechanical dredges. Any such person, firm or corporation so doing shall, upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, be fined \$500.00 and costs.*

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

Approved April 25, 1955.

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.