

right which the State of Maryland or the Commonwealth of Virginia or the citizens of either, may be entitled to by, through or under the Compact entered into between the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1785.] *The right of any citizens of the State of Virginia to secure a license under the provisions of this section for the taking of oysters from the Potomac River and the right of any citizens of the State of Virginia for the continued exercise of the privileges granted by the State of Maryland by such a license shall at all times be contingent upon such action by the State of Virginia, or one of its political sub-divisions, as will assure that the State of Virginia, or one of its political sub-divisions, will take comparable measures for oyster propagation in the Potomac River. For such purposes the term "comparable measures for oyster propagation" shall mean the matching on the part of the State of Virginia, or its political sub-divisions, of equal quantities of shells and/or seed oysters, as the case may be, which from time to time may be placed on the natural oyster rocks and bars by the State of Maryland or any department of the State of Maryland. If at any time the Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries shall ascertain as a fact that the State of Virginia, or its political sub-divisions, have not been matching equal quantities with Maryland of shells and/or seed oysters, as the case may be, placed on the natural oyster rocks and bars of the Potomac River, the Department shall so notify the Governor of Maryland. Upon receipt of such notification the Governor of Maryland shall promptly notify all officials concerned with the issue of licenses for the taking of oysters, as well as all persons engaged in the enforcement of the laws concerning the taking of oysters in the Potomac River, and the right of citizens of the State of Virginia so to be licensed or so to take oysters from the Potomac River shall immediately be suspended and shall not again be resumed until the Maryland Department of Tidewater Fisheries shall have received evidence satisfactory to it that the State of Virginia, or its political sub-divisions, are matching the State of Maryland in such measures for oyster propagation.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it is the legislative intent in the enactment of this law to vest in the State of Maryland all the licensing provisions concerning the taking of fish, oysters, crabs and clams from the Potomac River, to give to the State of Maryland and its law enforcement officers complete control and jurisdiction over such fisheries in the Potomac River and (except as provided herein) to give to certain residents of the State of Virginia an equal right with citizens of Maryland in the use and enjoyment of such fisheries to be exercised solely under the laws of the State of Maryland.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Governor of Maryland is directed to ascertain, from time to time, whether or not the State of Virginia or any of its political sub-divisions, or any department, bureau, board, commission, or agency of either, or any resident or citizen of the State of Virginia, is claiming by formal action filed or pending in a Court of Law, or is claiming before any department, bureau, commission, or agency of the Government of the United States, including the Congress of the United States, any rights or privileges under the so-called Compact of 1785 (as adopted by the General Assembly of Maryland by Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1785), or under the so-called concurrent legislation enacted to control any