

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved May 5, 1959.

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CHAPTER 828

(House Bill 870)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 713 (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (l), (m), (r), ~~(s)~~, (t), (v), (w), (x), 714 and 715 (c), (d), (e) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", and to enact new Sections 713 (e), (h), (i), (j), (l), (m), (r), ~~(s)~~, (t), (v) and 714 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed, relating to the times and places for the taking of, and minimum size limits for, soft shell clams in the waters of this State; providing license requirements for taking said clams; providing for the levy of an inspection tax on said clams; providing for penalties for the violation of these provisions; providing specific conditions for taking said clams in ~~Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties~~ TALBOT COUNTY; and relating generally to soft shell clams in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 713 (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (l), (m), (r), ~~(s)~~, (t), (v), (w), (x), 714 and 715 (c), (d), (e) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 713 (e), (h), (i), (j), (l), (m), (r), ~~(s)~~, (t), (v) and 714 be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed, and to read as follows:

713.

*(e) Each boat or rig shall have but one conveyor or elevator for taking soft shell clams, not to exceed nineteen (19) feet in length, measured from axle to axle. Each boat or rig may be equipped with not more than one blade and one water manifold, THE WIDTH BETWEEN THE EXTERIOR JETS ATTACHED THERETO NOT TO EXCEED 36 INCHES. The water jet pipe at each end of the manifold shall be set parallel to the median vertical longitudinal plane of the dredge, or inward toward the center thereof.*

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.