

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved May 5, 1959.

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CHAPTER 829

(House Bill 871)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 713(e) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams"; to add new section 713(y) to said Article to follow immediately after Section 713(x) thereof; to repeal Section 714 of said Article and to enact new Section 714 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the section so repealed relating to the methods for taking soft shell clams in Queen Anne's County; to provide a minimum size of such clams; to stipulate the times when and places where said clams may be taken; to levy an inspection tax; and to provide penalties for the violation of these provisions in said County; and relating generally to soft shell clams in Queen Anne's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 713(e) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams" be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that new section 713(y) be and the same is hereby added to said Article to follow immediately after Section 713(x) thereof; that Section 714 of said Article be and the same is hereby repealed and new Section 714 enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the section so repealed; all to read as follows:

713.

(e) Measurements of rig; propeller guard and muffler in **[Queen Anne's and] Talbot [counties] County**.—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 each not exceeding thirty-six (36) inches in width.

All hydraulic or mechanical clam dredges and boats operating in the waters of **[Queen Anne's or] Talbot [counties] County** licensed and operating under the provisions of Section 715 shall have properly installed a propeller guard and an adequate muffler on all motors and engines used in the operation of said boat or hydraulic or mechanical clam dredge. Any person violating any provision of this subsection shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars.

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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.