

(y) *The provisions of this section shall not apply to Queen Anne's County.*

714. (a) *How to Apply for Hydraulic Dredge License.*—Any person wishing to take or catch soft shell clams (*Mya arenaria*) with any hydraulic or mechanical dredge or rig in the waters of Queen Anne's County or the waters of the Chesapeake Bay adjacent thereto shall appear before the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries and make application for a hydraulic or mechanical dredge or rig license. Every such applicant shall exhibit to said Commission satisfactory evidence showing the name or number and size of the boat or rig; the size of the blade, water manifold and conveyor or elevator on the boat or rig to be used, and make further oath or affirmation that he is the bona fide owner of such boat; that there is no lien on said boat held by a nonresident of Maryland; that he has been a resident of Queen Anne's County for at least one year prior to the making of such application, and that the information he has furnished concerning the rig is true.

(b) *Issuance of License and Duration.*—Upon the receipt of the application and upon making such oath, the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries shall issue a hydraulic or mechanical dredge license for the taking of soft shell clams for such boat or rig and shall receive therefor \$50.00 as a license fee. Licenses issued hereunder shall be valid for twelve (12) months from July 1st to June thirtieth.

(c) *Residence of Master and Crew.*—(1) The master, captain, operator and crew of such hydraulic or mechanical dredge shall have been a bona fide resident of Queen Anne's County for a period of one year.

(2) The master, captain or operator of any hydraulic or mechanical dredge shall be the actual owner thereof, or a member of the immediate family of the licensee; provided that this sub-title shall not apply to deny to any licensee prior to the enactment hereof the right to apply for, be issued and operate the same number of licenses issued to such person during the license year of July 1, 1958, to June 30, 1959.

(d) It shall be lawful for the owner of any licensed hydraulic or mechanical dredge, boat or rig, whenever said owner shall sell and convey by bill of sale for a bona fide consideration such boat or rig to any person, who has been a resident of this State for at least one year, to transfer said license to said purchaser with said boat, provided said purchaser shall be a bona fide resident of the county in which said dredge or rig is licensed or is to be licensed for at least one year. Such license so transferred shall entitle said purchaser to the same privileges of taking or catching soft shell clams with hydraulic or mechanical dredge that the original owner had before such assignment; provided both seller and purchaser appear before the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries and make oath to all facts, matters and things made in the application for such license, and that the purchaser pay said Commission the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00), and said Commission shall then certify on the license that the same has been validly transferred and the transfer fee paid.

(e) *Measurement of Rig.*—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