

~~game warden~~ DIRECTOR as he may deem advisable for the best interests of the State.

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

Approved April 8, 1959.

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CHAPTER 378

(Senate Bill 228)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 708(q) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", modifying AS TO WICOMICO COUNTY AND THAT PORTION OF SOMERSET COUNTY EXCLUSIVE OF THE MANOKIN RIVER the laws concerning the rights of the lessee of certain lands for the purpose of planting and cultivating oysters, and relating generally to leases of oyster lands in ~~this State~~, WICOMICO COUNTY AND SAID PORTION OF SOMERSET COUNTY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 708(q) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

708.

(q) Rights of the lessee.—The lessee of any land leased for the purpose of planting and cultivating oysters shall have exclusive ownership of and title to all the oysters planted by him or existing on the land leased; and the relationship of the State and the lessee shall be that of landlord and tenant, and so long as such lease shall be in force, both the State and the lessee shall have all the rights and privileges of landlord and tenant as defined in the laws of Maryland, except as follows:

First: Land leased under this sub-title shall be used only for the purpose of planting and cultivating oysters;

Second: Residents of this State shall have the right to crab or fish upon all leased areas, provided they do not remove or destroy oysters thereon;

Third: No right shall exist to redeem or purchase any land of the State so leased; and

Fourth: Any other modification caused by the provisions of this sub-title.

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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.