

CHAPTER 430

(Senate Bill 360)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 6, 7 and 9 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "In General", sub-heading "Department of Tidewater Fisheries", and to enact new Sections 6, 7 and 9 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed, to abolish the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries and to create in lieu thereof a Department of Tidewater Fisheries administered by a Commission and a Director, to provide for their terms, salaries, powers and duties, the Department to have the jurisdiction now exercised by the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, to provide for the supervisory powers of the Department, regulation and control over fisheries, oysters and clams and the power of the Department to make rules and regulations concerning fisheries, oysters and clams, and relating generally to fisheries, oysters and clams in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 6, 7 and 9 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "In General", sub-heading "Department of Tidewater Fisheries", be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 6, 7 and 9 be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed, and all to read as follows:

6. *There is hereby created a State Department to administer the laws relating to the conservation and rehabilitation of tidewater fisheries. The Department is to be known as the Department of Tidewater Fisheries. It shall be supervised by a Commission composed of seven FIVE members, citizens and residents of this State. ALL OF WHOM SHALL HAVE PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TIDEWATER FISHERIES. The members shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of seven (7) years and shall reside in and represent the following areas: two from the Eastern Shore; two from the Western Shore, which shall consist of the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, Harford and St. Mary's; one from Baltimore City; one from Western Maryland, FIVE (5) YEARS BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE SUCCEEDING THEIR APPOINTMENT. THE APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: TWO MEMBERS FROM THE NINE COUNTIES OF THE EASTERN SHORE, TWO MEMBERS FROM THE TIDEWATER SECTION OF THE WESTERN SHORE, AND ONE MEMBER FROM THE STATE AT LARGE. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, OF THOSE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED ONE SHALL SERVE FOR ONE YEAR, ONE SHALL SERVE FOR TWO YEARS, ONE SHALL SERVE FOR THREE YEARS, ONE SHALL SERVE FOR FOUR YEARS, AND ONE SHALL SERVE FOR FIVE YEARS. which shall consist of the counties of Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and Washington; and*

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.