lawful to use or employ any patent tongs to take or catch oysters in any of the following waters: Wicomico, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester and Kent counties, except on Swann Point Bar, and Lighthouse Lump, and except that on Hickory Thicket Bar the Department of Tidewater Fisheries may, in its discretion, open or close this bar for patent tonging; or in the Patuxent River above and north of a straight line joining Sotterly Wharf and St. Leonards Beacon; or in the tributaries of the Potomac River in St. Mary's County.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this section 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 April 24, 1961.

## CHAPTER 371

## (Senate Bill 197)

AN ACT to fix the rate of State taxation for the year Nineteen Hundred and Sixty Two (1962) in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland (1957 Edition).

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the rate of State taxation for the year Nineteen Hundred and Sixty Two (1962) is hereby fixed in the manner following, and the taxes for each of the State loans herein specified to be used to pay the installments of principal and interest thereon:

	Cents per
	\$100.00
	1962
General Construction Loan of 1945	. 0.20
Conoral Construction I can of 1047	0.20
General Construction Loan of 1947	
Armory Loan of 1948	. 0.05
General Construction Loan of 1949	. 1.34
General Public School Assistance Loan of 1949	. 1.62
Maryland School for Blind Loan of 1949	. 0.03
General Construction Loan of 1950	. 0.32
Mental Hospital Construction Loan of 1950	. 0.22
General Construction Loan of 1951	. 1.52
Johns Hopkins University Loan of 1951	. 0.12
Civil Defense Loan of 1951	. 0.08
St. Mary's Seninary Junior College Loan of 1951	. 0.04
General Construction Loan of 1952	. 1.84
General Construction Loan of 1953	. 1.18

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.