

CHAPTER 475

(House Bill 10)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 329 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-heading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins—Crabs", relating to the power of the Board of Natural Resources to veto and to submit reports to the Tidewater Fisheries Department on proposed regulations for crabbing in the State; and changing reference herein to the Tidewater Fisheries Commission.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 329 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Fish and Fisheries", sub-heading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins—Crabs", be repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

329. Same—Public hearing.

No such rules or regulations of the ~~Commission~~ *Department* of Tidewater Fisheries shall become effective under Section 328 until said ~~Commission~~ *Department* has held public hearings on same, and such public hearings shall be advertised as to time, place and purpose in one newspaper of general daily circulation in the State, and at least in two newspapers circulated in the tidewater counties for two successive weeks in advance of said hearings *and until the Commission has transmitted a copy of the proposed rules or regulations, together with the reasons for adopting them, to the Board of Natural Resources and has received the written recommendation of the Board on the rules or regulations.* After such hearings and upon adoption of such rules and regulations, ~~a certified copy of same, together with reasons for adopting same, shall be transmitted to the Board of Natural Resources at its next regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.~~ The Board of Natural Resources shall vote to approve or disapprove such rules and regulations and if a majority of the members present vote to disapprove such rules and regulations, the same shall be null and void. But if a majority of the members present at the meeting of the Board of Natural Resources approve such rules and regulations, ~~the same shall be published for one week in the newspapers bearing notice of the hearing and shall thereafter have all the force and effect of law.~~ Any person or persons found guilty before a justice of the peace qualified to try same, or before any court on appeal, of violating any such rules and regulations, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined not less than \$10.00, nor more than \$25.00 in the case of any person or persons taking or catching crabs, and not less than \$10.00, nor more than \$100.00 in the case of any buyer, packer, or shipper of crabs.

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.