

persons taking soft shell clams in the county, and to provide penalties for violation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 715(b) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that new Section 715B be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", new Section 715B to follow immediately after Section 715A, and to read as follows:

715(b).

~~Somerset, Kent, Charles and St. Mary's counties.~~—It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take, catch or dredge soft shell clams (*myra arenaria*) from any county waters of ~~【Somerset,】~~ Kent, Charles and St. Mary's counties by the use of any hydraulic or mechanical dredges. Any such person, firm or corporation so doing shall, upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace, be fined \$500.00 and costs.

715B.

(a) *How to Apply for Hydraulic Dredge License.*—Any person wishing to take or catch soft shell clams (*myra arenaria*) with any hydraulic or mechanical dredge or rig in the waters of Somerset County or the waters of the Chesapeake Bay adjacent thereto shall apply to the Department of Tidewater Fisheries either by mail or in person for an application for a hydraulic or mechanical dredge or rig license. Every such applicant shall exhibit to the Department 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 Somerset 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 Department shall issue a hydraulic or mechanical dredge license for the taking of soft shell clams for such boat or rig and shall receive therefor twenty-five dollars (\$25.) as a license fee. Licenses issued hereunder shall be valid for twelve (12) months from July 1st to June thirtieth of each year.

(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 Somerset 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.

(d) *Transfer of License Upon a Sale.*—It is lawful for the owner of any licensed hydraulic or mechanical dredge, boat or rig, whenever the 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