

purchase or offer to purchase at any time or to have in possession any black bass whether said fish be caught in tidal or nontidal waters within the State of Maryland, or the waters of any other state and brought into this State; provided, however, that anglers catching said fish by rod, hook and line as hereinbefore provided, and not in excess of the creel limit imposed by Section 316 of this article, shall be entitled to possess and transport said fish so caught; and further provided that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the shipment in interstate commerce of live bass for propagating, breeding or stocking purposes in accordance with Section 215 of this article, or to prevent anyone from catching or engaging in the catching of black bass under the direction of [the Board of Natural Resources] *any State department or agency* for propagation purposes or for restocking any waters of this State in accordance with Section 218. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE CATCHING, SELLING, PURCHASING, OR POSSESSION OF BLACK SEA BASS (*Centropristes striatus*).

329.

No such rules or regulations of the Department of [Tidewater Fisheries] *Chesapeake Bay Affairs* shall become effective under Section 328 until said 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, 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 \$100.00 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964.

Approved April 7, 1964.

CHAPTER 75
(Senate Bill 144)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 343 and 344 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1963 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," sub-