

AND THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE HAVE ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 35 OF THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND PROVIDED IN SUBSTANCE THAT THE POSITION OF NOTARY PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN OFFICE OF PROFIT WITHIN THE MEANING OF SAID ARTICLE 35 OF THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS. IF, BY JANUARY 1, 1965 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS NOT PROPOSED AND THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE HAVE NOT ADOPTED SUCH AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 35 OF THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS IN THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, THIS ACT IS NULL AND VOID AND OF NO EFFECT.

Approved April 7, 1964.

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CHAPTER 163

(House Bill 39)

AN ACT to add new Section 707(e-1) to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", to follow immediately after Section 707(e) thereof, AND TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 707 (J) OF THE SAID ARTICLE AND SUBTITLE OF THE CODE (1963 SUPPLEMENT) to provide for the temporary closing of natural oyster bars by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries with the approval of the oyster advisory committees and to provide for hearings thereon. AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE OYSTER ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THESE COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 707(e-1) be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", to follow immediately after Section 707(e) thereof, AND THAT SECTION 707 (J) OF THE SAID ARTICLE AND SUBTITLE OF THE CODE (1963 SUPPLEMENT) BE AND IT IS HEREBY REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED WITH AMENDMENTS and to read as follows:

707.

*(e-1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section the Department is authorized with the approval of the county oyster advisory committees established under this section to close without the holding of a hearing and for a temporary period not to exceed thirty (30) days any natural oyster bar whenever in the judgment of the Department such action is necessary or desirable to increase the productivity of the bar, provided, however, that procedures for holding a public hearing prescribed in subsections (c) and (d) shall be initiated within one week after the temporary closing of any natural oyster bar.*