

CHAPTER 175

(House Bill 33)

AN ACT to repeal Section 323 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Fish and Fisheries", subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins", to repeal prohibitions on the unlicensed taking or catching of soft shell crabs in the Patuxent River.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 323 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Fish and Fisheries", subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins", be and it is hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 7, 1964.

CHAPTER 176

(House Bill 34)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 700(a) and (b) and 702(a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1963 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Oysters and Clams", to revise the requirements for licensing of persons to take or catch oysters by tongs or patent tongs or by dredging, and relating to the taking or catching of oysters in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 700(a) and (b) and 702(a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1963 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Oysters and Clams", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

700.

(a) Any [male] person [between] *over* the age of fourteen [and sixty-five] who shall engage in the taking or catching of oysters by tongs or patent tongs from any natural oyster bar of this State, except in the waters of Worcester County, or who shall be employed on any tong boat shall first obtain a license as prescribed herein, provided, however, that no [such person shall be deemed to be in default under the provisions of this subsection until the lapse of thirty days from the beginning of the season where he shall take or catch such oysters; and provided further, that no] license shall be required for the taking or catching of oysters from the waters of Worcester County. In order to take or catch oysters in the waters of Wicomico County or Dorchester County, a person who is sixty-five years of age or over must have resided within the limits of Wicomico County