

license shall be obtained for each house in which oysters are shucked or otherwise prepared for market; such license to be in the nature and form of a contract between the State of Maryland and the applicant, and shall provide for the payment of a license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), and shall further provide that the licensee shall turn over to the State of Maryland [fifty percent (50%)] *twenty-five percent (25%)* of the shells from the oysters shucked in his establishment for the current season, said shells to be removed on or before the twentieth day of August following. Said license shall have effect from the first day of September in the year in which it may have been obtained until the twenty-fifth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding.

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

Approved April 7, 1964.

CHAPTER 178
(House Bill 275)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 (5) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," amending the laws concerning the State Employees' Retirement System with particular respect to certain officials entitled to a pension or retirement allowance under the provisions of any law other than said Article 73B.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 3 (5) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

(5) *Optional membership of certain officials.*—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this article, membership in the Retirement System shall be optional with any class of officials elected or appointed for fixed terms; or with any desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly who receives an annual salary as his compensation for such employment, who shall be deemed to be an appointed official within the application of this subsection. All officials elected or appointed for fixed terms on or after July 1, 1957, may become members of the system upon making application therefor at any time after their elections or appointment and before the expiration of their respective terms. All such officials shall be entitled to credit for previous service rendered by them to the State, or a participating municipal corporation, including service rendered prior to the establishment of the Employees' Retirement System. If any such official is entitled to a pension or retirement allowance under the provisions of any other law, and such pension or retirement allowance is supported wholly or in part by