

title "Oysters and Clams," to follow immediately after Section 703 thereof, to authorize power dredging of oysters on leased areas in Wicomico County under permits obtained from the clerk of court in the county, to relate to the issuance and form of permits, to prescribe conditions for the use of permits for power dredging and to provide penalties for violations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 703A be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to follow immediately after Section 703 thereof, and to read as follows:

703A.

(a) *To enable private oyster planters to more effectively compete for seed oysters and more economically produce oysters through cleaning of grounds, dredging by power boat is permissible on the grounds leased for cultivation of oysters in Wicomico County located in the Wicomico and Nanticoke rivers, subject to the following conditions:*

(b) *No dredging as provided under this section is allowed except under a permit therefor which is issued by the clerk of the circuit court for Wicomico County. The application for a permit contains such information as the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs may require, and a copy of the applications is sent promptly to the Department.*

(c) *Each application is accompanied by a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).*

(d) *No more than three permits are outstanding at any one time during any year and they are issued in the order of application therefor to the clerk. Permits are valid for a period of six consecutive calendar days, excepting Sunday, from the date of issuance.*

(e) *Each permit contains a description of the leasehold areas in which dredging is allowed, and is valid only for dredging in the described areas. A permit may describe any one or more separate leasehold areas in which dredging is allowed. The permit contains also the name and number of the boat to be used in dredging under the permit and the name of the captain of the boat and no other boat or captain is permitted to dredge under the permit.*

(f) *With each permit the clerk of court issues sets of identifying numbers, corresponding with the permit number. The identifying numbers are displayed on the dredging boat at all times while engaged in dredging under a permit.*

(g) *Before any dredging is begun under a permit, the dimensions of the leasehold area described in the permit are marked with a stake at each corner. Between each corner and along the boundary of the leasehold area, line stakes are placed at one hundred foot intervals. Each corner stake is to bear the permit number.*

(h) *Dredging under a permit is allowed only between the hours of 7:30 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on any day except Sunday. Notice of intention to dredge under a permit is given in writing by*