

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1966.

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 916

(House Bill 32)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 700 (d) AND (H), 702 (c), and 703 (d) AND (E) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," and to add a new Section 705A to the said Article and subtitle of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 705 thereof, to require licensing of certain persons engaged in the business of buying oysters from persons taking or catching oysters and to license certain oyster buy boats, vessels and vehicles, to fix the fees and terms of such licenses and to provide for disposition of fees, and to change license fees for the taking of oysters by tonging or dredging, and correcting the references therein to the former Department of Tidewater Fisheries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 700 (d) AND (H), 702 (c) and 703 (d) AND (E) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new Section 705A be and it is hereby added to the said Article and subtitle of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 705 thereof, and to read as follows:

700.

(d) Upon taking the oath described in subsection (c) of this section, either before the clerk of court or a notary public, and upon receipt of a license fee of **[three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50)]** ~~twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)~~ TWELVE DOLLARS (\$12.00) and twenty-five cents as clerk's fee, the clerk of the circuit court of the county wherein the applicant resides shall issue a tonging license authorizing the person licensed to take or catch oysters with tongs or patent tongs, subject to the further regulations or restrictions provided in this subtitle.

(H) AFTER SUBTRACTION OF THE CLERKS' FEE, ALL MONEYS RECEIVED BY CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS SHALL BE PAID BY SAID CLERKS TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY TO BE CREDITED TO GENERAL FUNDS.

702.

(c) Upon the receipt of such application, and upon making such oath, the *Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs* **[Department of Tidewater Fisheries]** shall issue a Chesapeake Bay dredging license for such boat and shall receive therefor **[two]** ~~four~~ dollars **[(2.00)]** ~~(\$4.00)~~ per gross ton for every gross ton said boat shall measure;