TRACT 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 TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT (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 THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST, INCLUSIVE, NEXT SUCCEEDING.

(B) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TAKE OR CATCH OYSTERS OR TO HAVE OYSTERS IN HIS POSSESSION BETWEEN THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF APRIL TO THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR, EXCEPT THAT OYSTERS CAUGHT ON OR BEFORE THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF APRIL MAY BE KEPT IN POSSESSION THROUGH THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF APRIL; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT OYSTERS MAY BE TAKEN BY DREDGE OR HAND SCRAPE AT ANY TIME IN WORCESTER COUNTY AND MAY BE SHIPPED IN THE SHELL AT ANY TIME WITHIN OR FROM SAID COUNTY. IN THOSE COUNTIES IN WHICH OYSTERS ARE PERMITTED TO BE TAKEN FROM LEASED AREAS AT ANY TIME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 708 (W) OF THIS ARTICLE, SUCH OYSTERS MAY BE IN POSSESSION AT ANY TIME.

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(w) The season for taking or catching oysters for sale from leased areas of this State shall be between sunrise and sunset of any day, except Sunday, between the first day of October and the first day of April, inclusive, next succeeding, except in Wicomico County, where the season for taking or eatching cysters shall be from the first day of September to the fifteenth day of April, and except in St. Mary's County and Worcester County, CHARLES, CALVERT, ANNE ARUNDEL, TALBOT, WICOMICO, SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES, where oysters are permitted to be taken and sold at any time [, and except in St. Mary's County, where the season for taking or catching oysters shall extend to the fifteenth day of April, inclusive; provided, however, that any lessee desiring to take or catch oysters by dredge or hand scrape during October, or during the last fifteen days of March, shall give written notice of his intention so to do to the nearest officer of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, and such notice shall name the day and hour when he intends to take or catch oysters and shall be mailed to said officer at least three days in advance of the date named in the notice].

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.