

That Section 326 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins—Crabs," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

326.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or have in his possession any hard crabs [, measuring] of which more than four (4) per bushel or ten (10) per barrel measure less than five inches across the shell from tip to tip of spike or any peelers (which are hereby defined as having a soft shell fully developed under the hard shell, on which there is a pink line or rim on the edge of that part of the back fin next to the outer section of this fin) measuring less than three inches across the shell from tip to tip of spike, or of any soft crabs measuring less than three and one-half inches across the shell from tip to tip of spike; nor shall any person take, catch or keep in floats or in his possession any fat crabs, or any crab known as snot crab or green crab, or buckram crab (a crab that has a paper shell). In the waters of Worcester County the minimum size of crabs shall not be applicable to mature female crabs as identified by the rounded apron. The provisions of this section shall apply to crabs found anywhere within the State, whether afloat or ashore, and whether said crabs have been caught within the waters of this State or shipped or brought into Maryland from other states, and any person violating any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined as hereinafter provided, and in addition thereto the deputy commanders and inspectors of the State fishery force are hereby authorized to confiscate and liberate into the waters of the State any fat crab, snot crab, green crab, or buckram crab wherever found and held in violation of this section, and said officers are further authorized to confiscate any hard crabs, peelers or soft crabs of a size less than the measurements herebefore provided, wherever found, and shall dispose of any crabs so confiscated under the direction of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries to the best interests of the State.

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

Approved April 8, 1965.

CHAPTER 257

(House Bill 24)

AN ACT to repeal Section 2 of Article 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Conveyancing," subtitle "Conveyances in General;" to repeal Section 10 of Article 79 of the said Code (1964 Supplement), title "Releases and Receipts;" to repeal Sections 66 and 169 of Article 93 of the said Code (1957 Edition), title "Testamentary Law," subtitles, respectively, "Administration by an Executor" and "Guardian and Ward;" to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1 of Article 21 of the said Code, title "Conveyancing," subtitle "Conveyances in General;" to repeal and