

*Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs and used for repletion of fisheries resources, marketing of fisheries products, and related research. The Fisheries Research and Development Fund may be used to match Federal funds that may be or become available for research and development of fisheries resources.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 21, 1967.

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CHAPTER 486

(Senate Bill 373)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 325, 326 and 328 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Fish and Fisheries", subheading "Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins", and to repeal Sections 330, 331, and 334 of said Article, title, subtitle, and subheading of said Code repealing provisions as to the use of power boats in the taking of crabs and as to method of taking crabs and repealing obsolete provisions as to the rules of Maryland and Virginia for taking crabs in the Potomac River and in several sections of the crab laws deleting references to the Tidewater Fisheries Commission and substituting therefor references to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 325, 326 and 328 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Fish and Fisheries", subheading "Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Sections 330, 331, and 334 of said Article, title, subtitle, and subheading of said Code, be and are hereby repealed, and all to read as follows:*

**325.**

The [Commission of Tidewater Fisheries] *Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs* is authorized and empowered, after reasonable notice by publication or otherwise, to permit the catching, canning, packing, shipping or possession of the egg-bearing female crab, known as the sponge crab, spawn crab, blooming female crab, or mother crab, or the female crab from which the egg pouch or bunion has been removed, under such regulations as it may prescribe, or to prohibit the catching, canning, packing, shipping or possession of the same. Any such regulation or prohibition shall have the force and effect of law, and any person violating the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed by Section 332.

**326.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or have in his possession any hard crabs, measuring less than five inches across the shell from tip to tip of spike, or any peelers (which are hereby