

standing and unpaid, an ad valorem tax on all property subject to taxation, within Charles County, sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest payable in said year on all outstanding bonds and the principal of all bonds maturing in said year, the proceeds of said tax to be kept in a special fund and in no case to be used for any other purpose. In case such bonds shall be issued in any year after the making of the regular levy for that year, then the County Commissioners of Charles County are empowered, authorized and directed to pay any and all interest becoming due before the next levy, out of any other funds at their disposal, and to levy at the next succeeding levy an amount sufficient to reimburse such other funds.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved May 4, 1967.

CHAPTER 731

(House Bill 495)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 708(u) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," removing a restriction concerning operation of boats in Anne Arundel County, and eliminating a penalty for a violation of this subsection relating to Anne Arundel County AND TO PROVIDE THAT OYSTERS MAY BE TAKEN BY DREDGING FROM THE DORCHESTER COUNTY WATERS OF THE NANTICOKE RIVER.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 708(u) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(u) A lessee is privileged to cultivate or remove oysters so planted on his leased area in any manner that he deems proper, provided he has complied with the law providing for the licensing of boats or tongers in removing them for market or transplanting; and provided, however, that no lessee or holder of any submerged area in Dorchester, Wicomico, Charles (in waters other than the Patuxent River), Queen Anne's or Kent counties, or in the Manokin River in Somerset County, shall take or catch oysters on such leased land by any device other than tongs or patent tongs [, and provided further that in Anne Arundel County no boat other than one in which the lessee or holder of any submerged lands has at least a partial interest shall operate such leased land]. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection applicable to Dorchester County, it is lawful to take