

QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED *psychiatrist on the staff of the Department of Mental Hygiene, including the staff of any hospital under its jurisdiction, to conduct the examinations provided for in this section, and in Sections 7 and 9 of this article.*

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

Approved April 14, 1967.

CHAPTER 164
(Senate Bill 46)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 707 (b) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Oysters and Clams", to correct an error in this section relating generally to the authority of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs to close natural oyster bars, notice of intent to close, and public hearing.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 707 (b) 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Edition and 1966 Cumulative Supplement), title "Natural Resources", subtitle "Oysters and Clams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:*

707.

(b) The Department is authorized to close in any year not to exceed three percent of the natural oyster bars in the waters of this State or of any county thereof and to prohibit or restrict the taking or catching of oysters thereon whenever in the judgment of the Department such measures will increase the productivity or utility of such areas; provided, however, that the total area of natural oyster bars of this State, or of any county, closed or remaining closed under the provisions of this subsection shall never exceed at any time six percent of the area classified as natural oyster bars of this State, or of any county thereof. Upon an area so closed the Department may plant oysters, shells or other cultch, or it may take any other restorative measures in connection therewith, which it may deem advisable. The Department shall cause to be published a notice of intent to close any such area or areas in one newspaper of general circulation in the State and in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county or counties in whose waters the area or areas are located, not less *than* thirty days prior to the proposed date of closing, and shall schedule a public hearing on the proposal not less than fifteen days before the proposed date of closing; such hearing shall be held at the county seat of the county in which the affected waters are located; if such waters are located in more than one county then the hearing shall be held in that county seat of the affected counties which is closest to the affected waters; if the area affected is totally within State waters, then such hearing shall be held in Annapolis.