

ing an exception in the case of clams purchased for the personal consumption of the buyer or use as bait, and providing for payment of the tax in such cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 706(d) be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to follow immediately after Section 706(c) thereof, and to read as follows:

706.

*(d) The Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs is authorized to designate by regulation certain areas in Maryland where oysters and clams may be sold by the catcher thereof, to be known as buying stations. It shall be unlawful for the catcher of oysters or clams from Maryland waters to sell his catch in any place which has not been designated a buying station under the provisions of this subsection. It shall be unlawful for any person to buy oysters or clams from the catcher thereof in any place which has not been designated a buying station under the provisions of this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any person may legally buy clams any place in Maryland from the catcher thereof for his own consumption or use as bait, but not for resale; provided, however, that in any such transaction, the catcher of such clams shall assume responsibility for payment of the tax imposed by subsection 713(1) of this article.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 623

(House Bill 34)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 707(g) and 711(e) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," and to add new Section 711(d) to follow immediately after Section 711(c) of said Article, title, and subtitle of said Code, GENERALLY REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF TAXES ON OYSTERS, establishing an Oyster Severance Tax, PROVIDING FOR SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE OF ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO MAINTAIN THE REQUIRED RECORDS OR TO PAY THE TAX, and providing for the collection of said tax and disposition of it, amending the provision applicable to the collection of the inspection tax on exported oysters, and repealing the provisions that provide for disposition of certain funds in the Oyster Fund.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 707(g) and 711(e) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Re-