

used by oyster buyer licensees, and providing for the fee for replacement of oyster buyer license tags.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 705A of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments to read as follows:*

705A.

Any person engaged in the business of buying oysters from any person catching or taking oysters from natural oyster bars in the State shall secure from the Department an annual oyster buyer's license. The annual fee for issuance of the license shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). In addition to the fee above, each boat, vessel or vehicle used by a licensed oyster buyer in purchasing oysters shall be licensed annually at a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each such boat, vessel or vehicle. A metal plate or tag carrying the number of the license shall be issued by the Department for each boat, vessel or vehicle licensed which shall be attached securely to the boat, vessel or vehicle for which it is issued. The licenses provided for herein shall be effective for the period beginning on September 1 of the year in which issued and shall expire on August 31 of the year following issuance. Licensing is not required hereunder of any person, or any boat, vessel or vehicle used by such person, purchasing or buying less than twenty-five bushels of oysters during any license year. *The license required by this section shall be in addition to any license required by regulation of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs pursuant to Section 13A of Article 66C. Any person applying for a license under the provisions of this section shall provide proof of ownership of each boat, vessel, or vehicle to be used in the business of buying oysters from any person catching or taking oysters from natural oyster bars in the State. A fee of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be charged for replacement of any license tag issued under the provisions of this section.*

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

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 177

(House Bill 35)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 712(c) and (d) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," increasing the hard shell clam tax and providing for disposition of this tax.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 712(c) and (d) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code*