

of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

712.

(c) Every clam dealer shall pay a special tax of ~~five~~ ~~ten~~ cents ~~per~~ ~~(5¢)~~ ~~(10¢)~~ per ~~thousand or fractional part thereof~~ ~~bushel~~ EACH BAG OF NOT MORE THAN 105 HARD SHELL CLAMS on all clams sold or marketed by him, and shall remit said tax weekly to the Department of ~~Tidewater Fisheries~~ or to a local officer representing said Department] *Chesapeake Bay Affairs*.

(d) All monies received by the Department of ~~Tidewater Fisheries~~ *Chesapeake Bay Affairs* for licenses, fees, or taxes shall be transmitted by said Department to the State Comptroller for deposit to the credit of the ~~Oyster Fund~~ *Fisheries Research and Development Fund*.

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 178

(House Bill 36)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 700(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (h) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," amending the law as it applies to oyster tonger's licensing in the State of Maryland and the disposition of the fees collected from such licenses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 700(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (h) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

700.

(a) Any person over the age of fourteen who shall engage in the taking or catching of oysters by tongs or patent tongs from any natural oyster bar of this State, ~~except in the waters of Worcester County,~~ or who shall be employed on any tong boat shall first obtain a license as prescribed herein ~~],~~ provided, however, that no license shall be required for the taking or catching of oysters from the waters of Worcester County. In order to take or catch oysters in the waters of Wicomico County or Dorchester County, a person who is sixty-five years of age or over must have resided within the limits of Wicomico County or Dorchester County for not less than six months immediately preceding the first day of the tonging season. In order to take or catch oysters in the waters of Talbot County, a person who is sixty-five years of age or over must have resided within the limits