

of Talbot County for not less than six months immediately preceding the first day of the tonging season].

(c) Every applicant for a tonging license shall be required to appear before the clerk of the circuit court of the county or a notary public in and for said county wherein he is applying, and make oath or affirmation that the facts which he shall set forth are strictly true; that he has been a bona fide resident of the county for twelve months next preceding his application for said license; that he desires and intends to use said license in the county in which he resides or in the waters used in common by his own and other counties; and that he will comply with and obey all laws of this State regulating the taking or catching of oysters with tongs or patent tongs; provided, however, that any duly ordained minister of the gospel shall not be subject to the residence requirements of this section.

(d) When the applicant has taken the oath described in subsection (c) of this section, either before the clerk of court or a notary public, and has paid license fee of twelve dollars (\$12.00) and ~~twenty five~~ FIFTY cents as clerk's fee, the clerk of the circuit court of the county wherein the applicant is applying shall issue a carbon copy of the application, which shall serve as a temporary tonging license authorizing the person licensed to take or catch oysters with tongs or patent tongs for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of application, subject to the further regulations or restrictions provided in this subtitle. *The clerk shall within forty-eight (48) hours forward the original copy of the application to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, which agency shall issue a tonging license to the applicant by certified mail.*

(e) Each and every tonging license issued in conformity with the provisions of this subtitle shall state the full name, [color] social security number, age, residence of the person to whom the license is granted, the number of the license and the name of the county in which the application was made. *The same information, excepting the number of the license, shall appear on the application for license.*

(f) The [Comptroller of the treasury] *Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs* shall cause to be printed and delivered to the clerks of the circuit courts of the counties the requisite number of [blank licenses and shall take receipts for the same as for other licenses furnished; and the said clerks shall on the first Monday of March and December of each year return to the Comptroller a list and account of such licenses issued by them, and at the end of each tonging season shall return all unused licenses to the Comptroller. All such licenses shall be printed and completed in such manner as to provide a copy of each license issued for the files of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and said clerks shall transmit such copies to the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, during the first week of the month following issue] *license applications forms.*

(h) After subtraction of the clerks' fee, all moneys received by clerks of the circuit courts shall be paid by said clerks to the Comptroller of the treasury to be credited to [general funds] *the 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.