

CHAPTER 179  
(House Bill 37)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 322 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," and to add a new Section 323 to said Article, title, subtitle and subheading of said Code, to follow immediately after Section 322 thereof, specifying the manner of issuance of crabbers' licenses and the disposition of the fees collected from such licenses.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 322 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new Section 323 be and it is hereby added to said Article, title, subtitle and subheading of said Code, to follow immediately after Section 322 thereof, and all to read as follows :

322.

Any resident of Maryland [between the ages of twelve (12) and sixty-five (65)] desiring to take or catch crabs from the waters thereof for market, and each person working on any boat used in taking or catching of crabs *for market*, shall first obtain a numbered license [from] *through* the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which he resides or from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, if he resides in Baltimore City, and shall pay the sum of \$2, and in addition thereto twenty-five cents to the clerk of the court for issuing same, which license shall be good for the year of issuance only and shall entitle the person obtaining same to take or catch crabs by any of the methods now *or hereafter authorized to be* used, including scrape, nets, dip nets or trot line. Provided, that such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of crabs in any creek, cove, river, inlet, bay or sound within the limits of any county other than that wherein the license shall have been granted; provided that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of counties divided by a river from using such dividing river in common. All persons taking or catching crabs under the provisions of this subheading shall exhibit their license for so doing when required by any officer of the [oyster police] *Maryland Marine Police* force, or other officers of the State. Nonresidents of Maryland shall not be permitted to catch crabs from the waters thereof for market. Residents of Baltimore City may be licensed to catch crabs in Anne Arundel or Baltimore counties. And providing further that in all the waters of the Chesapeake Bay lying near the mouth of the Patuxent River, viz.; that is to say, those waters above a line drawn at Cedar Point in St. Mary's County to Cove Point in Calvert County, and below a line drawn from Drum Point in Calvert County to Hog Point in St. Mary's County, crabbing with a trot line is prohibited by any except bona fide residents of the counties bordering on the Patuxent River. *No person sixty-four years of age or older OR LESS THAN FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE shall be required to pay the license fee specified in this section.*