

or cancel the annual rental to an extent commensurate with the area still under lease.

(2) *On any lands leased in Charles County waters for the purpose of the cultivation of oysters, where the lessee or his agent does not seed with oysters within a period of three years, said lease shall terminate.*

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 359

(House Bill 1076)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 712A(f) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to lengthen the season for taking hard-shell clams by dredge in certain waters.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 712A(f) 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of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

712A.

(f) The season for taking hard-shell clams by dredge under this section extends from **[October]** *September* ± 15 in each year to **[April 30]** *May 31* of the year following, both dates inclusive.

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

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved April 10, 1968.

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#### CHAPTER 360

(House Bill 1085)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 40(f) of Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and