

(e) [It shall be unlawful to take or catch hard-shell clams (Venus mercenaria) with any hydraulic dredge or mechanical dredge of any kind, provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply on leased lands or in the Atlantic Ocean.] *The Department is authorized to adopt regulations relating to the licensing of hydraulic clam dredges which will insure that no person may own, wholly or in part, more than one such licensed dredge, and that the licensee is, except in unavoidable circumstances, the operator of the dredge which he has licensed. The Department is authorized to deny a license to any applicant who does not, in the judgment of the Department, qualify for licensing under the provisions of this subsection. The requirements provided in subsection (f) (2) of this section for the issuance of hand-scrape licenses shall also be applied for the issuance of hydraulic clam dredge licenses.*

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 370

(House Bill 1109)

AN ACT to repeal Section 422 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll County (1965 Edition, being Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Carroll County," subtitle "Revenue and Taxes," as last amended by Chapter 95 of the Acts of 1965, in order to eliminate the tax on tobacco products levied by the County Commissioners of Carroll County, and making provisions for the collection of such taxes lawfully imposed prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 422 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll County (1965 Edition, being Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Carroll County," subtitle "Revenue and Taxes," as last amended by Chapter 95 of the Acts of 1965, be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed or implied to prevent or affect the collection of taxes on tobacco products which were lawfully levied and imposed prior to the effective date of this Act, it being the legislative intent that all such taxes lawfully levied and imposed prior to the effective date of this Act may be collected after that date as if this Act had not been passed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.