SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 14, 1969.

CHAPTER 682 (House Bill 693)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 707(k) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," authorizing the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs to close temporarily natural oyster bars in Queen Anne's County, DORCHESTER, AND KENT COUNTIES.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 707(k) 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of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

707.

- (k) The Department is authorized to close without the holding of a public hearing and for a temporary period not to exceed forty-five days any natural oyster bar in Charles, St. Mary's, Queen Anne's, DORCHESTER, KENT or Calvert counties with the approval of the committee of oystermen established under the provisions of subsection (g) of this section.
- 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 or nay vote supported by three-fifths of all 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 May 14, 1969.

CHAPTER 683

(House Bill 695)

AN ACT to add new Section 481A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Crimes and Punishments," to follow immediately after Section 481 thereof and to be under the new subheading "Rifles and Shotguns," providing that it shall be lawful for Maryland residents to purchase a rifle or shotgun from a federally licensed gun dealer in an adjoining state.