

CHAPTER 325

(House Bill 657)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 702(d) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to permit issuance of permanent identifying numbers to oyster dredgers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 702(d) 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of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

702.

(d) The Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall provide with each license two numbers, each painted in black figures on a white colored durable material to be selected by the Department of approximately two feet by two feet in size. The figures on the material shall be not less than sixteen inches in height and of proportionate width. The licensee shall securely attach the numbers to the shrouds of the foremast on the port and starboard sides of the boat, with the bottom or lower edge of the number not less than four (4) feet above the deck. The numbers shall be displayed in an upright position so as to provide maximum visibility at all times during the dredging season [shall be returned at the end of the season] and shall not be concealed or defaced. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, as provided in Section 717; and in any such case the boat or vessel shall be forfeited and condemned, in the discretion of the judge, in the manner as provided in Section 717. The provisions of this section shall apply to all boats licensed to take oysters with scrape or scoop by any county in this State, except that the numbers for such boats shall be painted red instead of black. If a boat is licensed both under this section and under Section 703, the county dredge number in red shall be displayed immediately above the black number required under this section. The numbers shall be delivered by the Department to the clerks of the courts for issuance with the license.

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

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 326

(House Bill 659)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 9(33) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "What Shall