

*determined by his age at the time he actually joins the system, and will not be reduced for reason of service prior to joining, provided, however, that any employee may purchase credit for service before joining by paying the contributions due plus interest. Such purchase may be made only at time of AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO retirement.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved May 21, 1970.

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CHAPTER 692

(House Bill 97)

AN ACT to repeal Section 701(a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1969 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," and to enact new Section 701(a) in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed; and to repeal Chapter 745 of the Acts of 1967, to regulate the taking of oysters by boats propelled by mechanical motive power.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Chapter 745 of the Acts of 1967 be and it is hereby repealed; and that Section 701(a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and it is hereby repealed, and that new Section 701(a) be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, and to read as follows:*

701.

(a) *It shall be unlawful for the owner, captain or master, or any member of the crew of any boat capable of self-propulsion by any motor, turbine or other engine attached to said boat, to have on board such boat, or in tow, or to permit on board or in tow, any scoop, scrape, dredge or similar instrument used in dredging, or any winch, spool, winder or other tackle used in dredging, unless said boat be licensed to dredge on leased land, or unless said boat be engaged in taking seed oysters under the surveillance and with the permission of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section and subtitle, it shall be lawful, except in Dorchester and Talbot County dredging waters for any boat engaged in dredging operations, on any Monday or Tuesday, to have and use mechanical motive power supplied by the auxiliary yawl boat carried on the dredge boat. As to any such Monday and Tuesday and the use of an auxiliary yawl boat thereon, the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs by regulation may put a maximum limit upon the total catch of either or both days, for the purpose of assuring the quality, conservation, and continued supply of oysters in the areas affected. ON EACH OF TWO DAYS IN ANY WEEK DURING THE DREDGING SEASON, SUCH DAYS TO BE DESIGNATED UNDER REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHESAPEAKE BAY AFFAIRS, TO PROPEL ANY DREDGE BOAT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 696(F) AND LICENSED*