

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 22, 1970

CHAPTER 376

(House Bill 1289)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 322 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," providing that a crabbing license is not necessary for a person crabbing from a "for hire" boat operated by the owner who is on board and licensed to take crabs for market.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 322 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Fish and Fisheries," subheading "Part 3. Crabs, Lobster and Terrapins," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

322. Crabbers' licenses.

Any resident of Maryland desiring to take or catch crabs from the waters thereof for market, and each person working on any boat used in taking or catching of crabs for market, shall first obtain a numbered license through the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which he resides or from the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, if he resides in Baltimore City, and shall pay the sum of \$2, and in addition thereto twenty-five cents to the clerk of the court for issuing same, which license shall be good for the year of issuance only and shall entitle the person obtaining same to take or catch crabs by any of the methods now or hereafter authorized to be used, including scrape, nets, dip nets or trotline. Provided, that such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of crabs in any creek, cove, river, inlet, bay or sound within the limits of any county other than that wherein the license shall have been granted; provided that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of counties divided by a river from using such dividing river in common. All persons taking or catching crabs under the provisions of this subheading shall exhibit their license for so doing when required by any officer of the Maryland marine police force, or other officers of the State [.] ; *provided that a license shall not be required of any person crabbing from a "for hire" boat operated by the owner who is present on the boat and is licensed to take crabs for market.* Nonresidents of Maryland shall not be permitted to catch crabs from the waters thereof for market. Residents of Baltimore City may be licensed to catch crabs in Anne Arundel or Baltimore counties. And providing further that in all the waters of the Chesapeake Bay lying near the mouth of the Patuxent River, viz.; that is to say, those waters above a line drawn at Cedar Point in St. Mary's County to Cove Point in Calvert County, and below a line