

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, Section 112C(a) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Birds, Game and Fish," subheading "Fish and Wildlife Administration" be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

112C.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Administration is authorized, after consultation with the committee created in subsection (c) of this section and subject to approval by the Secretary of Natural Resources, to promulgate regulations relating to the taking or catching, possession, sale, purchase, transportation or export of any of the fish, shellfish, or other living natural resources of the tidal waters of this State. Such regulations may include, but not be limited to, provisions enlarging, extending, restricting or prohibiting the taking or catching, possession, sale, purchase, transportation or export of any of the fish, shellfish, or other living natural resources of the tidal waters of this State. This authority and any regulation promulgated under it shall terminate July 1 [1972] 1973.

**SEC. 2. AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** THAT NEW SECTION 112C(D) BE AND IT IS HEREBY ADDED TO ARTICLE 66C OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1970 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1971 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "NATURAL RESOURCES," SUBTITLE "BIRDS, GAME AND FISH," SUBHEADING "FISH AND WILDLIFE ADMINISTRATION," TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 112C(C) THEREOF, AND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(D) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET WITH THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR THE DIRECTOR OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AT LEAST TWICE EACH CALENDAR YEAR FOR PURPOSES OF A GENERAL POLICY REVIEW SESSION, ONE MEETING TO BE HELD PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE ANNUAL OYSTER SEASON EACH FALL. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY BE CONVENED ON THE CALL OF THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR THE DIRECTOR OF FISH AND WILDLIFE OR UPON REQUEST OF A MAJORITY OF EITHER THE WATERMEN MEMBERS OR THE SEAFOOD PROCESSOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

**SEC. 2 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

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CHAPTER 657  
(House Bill 1189)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 256 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I. Crimes