

CHAPTER 677
(Senate Bill 528)

AN ACT to add new Section 697 to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to follow immediately after Section 696 thereof and to relate generally to the right of any resident of the State of Maryland to take or catch oysters or clams in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and providing that all laws inconsistent with this Section are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 697 be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to follow immediately after Section 696 thereof and to read as follows:

697.

In the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, any resident of the State of Maryland may take or catch oysters or clams on any area from which the taking or catching of oysters or clams is permitted under any provision of this subtitle. This section applies to the taking or catching of oysters or clams by rakes, tongs, patent tongs, dredges, or handscrapes, as defined in this subtitle, and by ~~no~~ other means, as permitted BY LAW for the particular area; and this section applies also to the taking or catching of clams by hydraulic or mechanical dredges or rigs, as permitted for the particular area. This section shall not be construed or applied to affect or change any laws in this subtitle or elsewhere in the laws of this State concerning the licensing or regulations of the taking or catching of oysters or clams, except as in this section specifically provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

Approved May 31, 1972.

CHAPTER 678
(Senate Bill 596)

AN ACT to withdraw and repeal Chapter 355 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1971, withdrawing and repealing certain proposed amendments to Sections 1 and 2 of Article I of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Elective Franchise," which had proposed a change in the minimum age for voting at elections held in the State of Maryland, and a change in the age by which a person can be disqualified from voting for committing certain crimes.