

light of duplicate provisions in proposed subsection (c) and the uniform penalty provisions of this title.

Subsection (c) is new language derived from the final provision of present section 699(b) of the Code and is set forth here for organizational purposes.

Subsection (d) presently appears as Article 66C, section 699(c) of the Code. The reference to foreign state is proposed for deletion in favor of "state of origin" to maintain consistency.

The only other changes made are in style.

4-1016. OYSTER BUYER'S LICENSE.

(A) OYSTER BUYER'S LICENSE REQUIRED; FEE. - ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING OYSTERS FROM A PERSON WHO CATCHES OYSTERS FROM NATURAL OYSTER BARS IN THE STATE SHALL SECURE FROM THE DEPARTMENT AN OYSTER BUYER'S LICENSE. THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$50. EVERY PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR A LICENSE SHALL PROVE HE OWNS EACH BOAT, VESSEL, OR VEHICLE USED IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING FROM ANY PERSON CATCHING OYSTERS FROM NATURAL OYSTER BARS IN THE STATE.

(B) LICENSE REQUIRED FOR VEHICLE USED BY OYSTER BUYER; REPLACEMENT FEE. - EVERY BOAT, VESSEL, OR VEHICLE USED BY A LICENSED OYSTER BUYER IN PURCHASING OYSTERS SHALL BE LICENSED ANNUALLY AT A FEE OF \$5 FOR EACH BOAT, VESSEL, OR VEHICLE. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BOAT, VESSEL, OR VEHICLE IS REQUIRED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A METAL PLATE OR TAG CARRYING THE LICENSE NUMBER FOR EACH BOAT, VESSEL, OR VEHICLE LICENSE AND IT SHALL BE ATTACHED SECURELY TO THE BOAT, VESSEL, OR VEHICLE FOR WHICH IT IS ISSUED. THE FEE IS \$1 TO REPLACE ANY LICENSE TAG ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(C) DURATION OF LICENSE. - THE LICENSE PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION IS VALID FROM SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE ISSUING YEAR TO AUGUST 31 OF THE SUCCEEDING YEAR, INCLUSIVE. THE LICENSE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER LICENSE REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) EXCEPTIONS TO LICENSE REQUIREMENT. - ANY PERSON WHO PURCHASES LESS THAN 25 BUSHELS OF OYSTERS