

cultivation of oysters nor designated as dredging territory by the provisions of this subtitle shall be reserved for tongs exclusively. The owner, captain, master or any crew member of any boat may not catch oysters by scoop, handscrape, or dredge, or attempt or conspire to catch oysters by scoop, handscrape, or dredge, from any submerged land of the State reserved for tongs exclusively or closed by any rule or regulation, or order of the Department. THE TAKING OF OYSTERS BY SCOOP, DREDGE OR HANDSCRAPE BY HAND MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY IN AREAS RESERVED FOR TONGING WHEN AREAS WHICH ARE OTHERWISE DESIGNATED FOR HANDSCRAPING, DREDGING AND SCOOPING FOR OYSTERS ARE CLOSED BECAUSE OF ICING CONDITIONS. However, this subsection does not apply to catching seed oysters under the surveillance and with the permission of the Department.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall expire automatically on September 15, 1977 without any further action required by the General Assembly.

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved January 28, 1977.

CHAPTER 7

(House Bill 244)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Tobacco Authority - Fees

FOR the purpose of changing the license fees required for buying and selling tobacco and the maximum fee chargeable for tobacco sold; and providing that this Act is an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Agriculture
 Section 7-209(a) and 7-412(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)