

outside the State and shall be paid by the shipper. The tax imposed by this subsection shall be levied in addition to every other tax imposed on oysters.

(c) A severance tax of [25] 35 cents per bushel shall be levied upon every bushel of oysters caught within the limits of the natural oyster bars of the State exclusive of the Potomac River. The oyster buyer or receiver shall pay the tax to the Department for deposit to the credit of the Fisheries Research and Development Fund. This section does not prevent any person licensed to catch oysters in the State from selling his oysters in the shell directly to a consumer in the State. If the consumer is a licensed buyer of oysters, he shall assume the obligations placed by this subsection on the first buyer of the oysters to remit the tax to the Department. However, if the consumer is not a licensed buyer of oysters, the seller of oysters shall assume this obligation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

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CHAPTER 745

(Senate Bill 1087)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Retardation - Group Homes

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Mental Retardation Administration to determine the need for one or more group homes for mentally retarded persons in each county or multicounty regions of the State; authorizing the establishment and location of group homes for the retarded; authorizing the State to acquire under certain circumstances, facilities and sites for group homes; and relating generally to group homes for the mentally retarded.

BY adding to

Article 59A - Mental Retardation

Section 3(q), (r), and (s); and 38 through 42, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Group Homes"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF