subsection (16) of this section, the benefits payable to any correctional officer in these classifications who has served as a correctional officer in one of these classifications, for five or more years immediately preceding retirement, shall commence upon attainment of age 55 years.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 11(21) of Article 73B - Pensions, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 11(20).

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved April 8, 1980.

CHAPTER 83

(House Bill 531)

AN ACT concerning

Payment of Soft-Shell Clam Severance Taxes

FOR the purpose of correcting an error in a cross-reference.

Article - Natural Resources Section 4-1007 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

4-1007.

The Department may designate by rule or regulation certain areas of the State, known as buying stations, where a person who catches oysters and clams may sell them. A person may not sell his catch in any place not designated a buying station. A person may not buy oysters or clams from the person who catches them in any place not designated a buying station. However, any person may buy soft-shell clams anywhere for his own consumption or use as bait, but not for resale from the person who catches them. However, the person who catches the soft-shell clams shall assume responsibility for paying the tax imposed by [§ 4-1036] § 4-1035 of this subtitle.