

(r) (1) "Tong" means any pincers, nippers, tongs, or similar device used in catching oysters and clams and consisting of 2 shafts or handles and a metal body composed of 2 opposable and complementary baskets that:

(i) Are opened, closed, and emptied entirely by hand; and

(ii) 1. Are lifted by hand; or

2. May use power to assist lifting the tongs with a single lifting cable or rope attached at only a single point on 1 shaft of the tongs and may be rigged so that lifting of the tongs can be assisted no higher than the surface of the water.

(2) "Tong" includes:

(i) Shaft tongs; and

(ii) Hand tongs.

4-1011.

(a) A person may not use patent tongs to catch oysters in any of the following waters: Wicomico, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester, and Kent counties, except on the following natural oyster bars: 2-9, 2-10, 5-1, 5-2, [5-3B] ALSO KNOWN AS HUNTINGFIELD BAR 5-3, and 5-7, as defined on the charts of the Oyster Survey of 1906 to 1912, and its amendments.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 8, 1984.

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#### CHAPTER 253

(House Bill 1183)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Property Taxes -  
Deferral ~~or-Credit~~  
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FOR the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County to provide by law a deferral ~~or--credit~~ for certain property tax increases on owner-occupied residential property in the County when that property is rezoned at the initiative of the County to a higher intensity use; providing for the