

(a) (1) The Department may lease, in the name of the State, tracts or parcels of land beneath the waters of the State to residents of the State for protecting, sowing, bedding, or cultivating oysters or other shell fish, subject to the provisions of this section. These submerged lands when leased shall be known as leased oyster bottoms.

(2) (I) Except for a 4-H club in the State, a corporation or joint stock company may not lease or acquire by assignment or otherwise any submerged land of the State for the purposes of this section.

(II) A 4-H club in the State may lease or acquire not more than 10 acres of submerged land for the purposes of this section.

(3) UNDER RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 4-H ADVISORY BOARD IN A COUNTY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAY MAKE EQUAL AND MATCHING GRANTS OF UP TO \$1,000 A COUNTY FOR ANY NUMBER OF 4-H CLUBS IN A COUNTY THAT:

(I) ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OYSTER CULTIVATION RESEARCH;

(II) ARE LEASING OR ACQUIRING ANY SUBMERGED LAND UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(III) HAVE RECEIVED OR HAVE A GUARANTEE TO RECEIVE A RESEARCH GRANT FROM THE COUNTY FOR OYSTER CULTIVATION RESEARCH.

~~(4) -- THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN -- THE -- STATE -- BUDGET ANNUALLY -- ENOUGH -- MONEY -- IN -- GENERAL -- FUNDS -- TO -- PROVIDE -- FOR -- THE APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 617

(House Bill 424)

AN ACT concerning

Gambling = Seizure of Cash

FOR the purpose of adding municipal treasurers and directors of finance to those persons that are authorized to take certain