

CHAPTER 77.

AN ACT to repeal section one, of an act passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter one hundred and thirty-one, entitled an act for the better protection of oysters, clams, terrapins and fish in Synepuxent Bay and its tributaries, in Worcester county, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section one of an act passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter one hundred and thirty-one, entitled "an act for the better protection of oysters, clams, terrapins and fish in Synepuxent Bay and its tributaries, in Worcester county," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Repealing and re-enacting

SECTION 1. A. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be lawful for any citizen of the State of Maryland, to take out a license from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Worcester county, aforesaid, which shall have effect from the first day of May, in the year in which the said license is issued to the first day of May, in the year next succeeding; for which said license the applicant shall pay the sum of three dollars, and the said clerk shall pay over said money to the County Commissioners of said county, to be expended by the said County Commissioners of said county, in the purchase of seed oysters to be planted in said Synepuxent Bay; and upon taking out such license, and not otherwise, it shall be lawful for the said citizens so obtaining the same, to take or remove oysters from the natural rocks in the waters of said Synepuxent Bay or in any of its tributaries, included in the boundaries of said Worcester county, with rakes or tongs; *provided,* that this act shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters with rakes or tongs or any other instrument, between the first day of May and the first day of October in each year, which is hereby expressly forbidden; and provided that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent any person from catching

License to take oysters

Fee for.

Proviso.