

ARTICLE LXXI.

Oysters.

Chapter 181 repeals this article and enacts the following in lieu thereof—(II. Supplement 52:)

SEC. 1. No person shall take or catch oysters within the waters of this State, for sale, with a scoop, drag or dredge, rakes, tongs, or any other instrument whatever, without having first obtained a license, as hereinafter provided.

2. Such license, except such as may be issued to tongsmen, shall be issued by the Comptroller of the Treasury, and shall specify the name of the vessel to be used in taking and catching oysters; the name of owner and master thereof; the county or city of which such owner and master are citizens; the tonnage of the vessel, and the amount paid for the license; and shall authorize said vessel to be used in taking and catching oysters with scoop, drag, dredge, and any other instrument, from the first day of September of each and every year, to the first day of June following, within the waters of the Chesapeake bay, and not within any other bay, river, creek, strait or sound, and not on any oyster bed or rock on or about Tally's Point, Sandy Point, Hackett's Point, Thomas' Point, the Three Sisters, on the western side of the Chesapeake bay, and not within the Chesapeake bay where the water is less than fifteen feet deep; *provided,*

3. No license shall be issued to any person other than a resident of this State, and the applicant for such license shall first make oath before the Comptroller of the Treasury that he is a *bona fide* owner or master of the vessel to be described in the license for which he is an applicant, that he has been a resident of this State at least twelve months immediately preceding the day on which he applies for such license, and that he will well and faithfully obey and comply with all the provisions of the laws of this State, regulating the taking and catching of oysters, and that he will, to the best of his ability, aid in the