

CHAPTER 610.

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AN ACT to repeal Sections 96 A and 96 B of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "St. Mary's County," sub-title "Oysters," as said Sections were re-enacted by Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1900, and re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections 96 A and 96 B of Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "St. Mary's County," sub-title "Oysters," as said sections were enacted by chapter 480 of the Acts of 1900, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the said sections 96 A and 96 B, be re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows :

Repeal and re-enact.

96 A. The owner of any land bordering on any of the navigable waters of St. Mary's county, the lines of which extend into and are covered by said waters, shall have the exclusive privilege of using the same for protecting, sowing, bedding or depositing oysters or other shell fish within the lines of his own land, and any owner of land lying and bordering upon any of the waters of said county shall have power to locate and appropriate in any of the waters adjoining his or her lands, one lot of five acres for the purpose of protecting, depositing, bedding or sowing oysters or other shell fish ; and any male or female citizen of full age, provided they are not members of the same immediate family, of the county wherein he or she resides, shall have power to locate and appropriate and hold one lot of five acres and no more, in any waters of said St. Mary's county not located or appropriated ; provided, thirty days' notice in writing shall be given the owner or occupant of land bordering on said waters proposed to be located, that the owner or occupant may have priority claim, and if such owner or occupant shall fail to locate or appropriate the water mentioned in said notice, then it shall be open and free to any one under the provisions of this section ; provided also, that the said location or appropriation shall be described and plainly marked by means of bushes, stakes or buoys ; and provided, that no natural bar or bed of oysters shall be so located or appropriated, and that six months' peaceable possession of all locations of oyster grounds under the laws of this State shall constitute a good and sufficient title thereto ; but should any one within six months be charged with locating or appropriating any natural bed or bar heretofore prohibited, the question may be at once submitted by any person interested to the judge of the Circuit Court for

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