

Section 135B. The Conservation Commission of Maryland is authorized to select and reserve for a period not exceeding two years for oyster conservation and propagation any portion or portions of the depleted natural beds, bars and rocks of the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries not to exceed in the aggregate one thousand acres, and to give notice thereof in the manner stated in Section 132, and to transplant thereon seed oysters, shells, or other cultch, or to propagate seed oysters, or for the purpose of protecting the catch of young growth of oysters, or for rehabilitating any depleted natural beds, bars or rocks in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries; provided, however, that before any ground shall be set aside by the Conservation Commission of Maryland for experimental purposes under this Act, the said Commission shall select five oystermen of the immediate vicinity of the portion of the natural bars, beds, and rocks to determine whether the ground is depleted. Any person catching oysters upon such area without permission from the Commission shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 132.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this Act shall take effect from June 1st, 1922.

Approved April 13th, 1922.

CHAPTER 544.

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 554 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1920, entitled "An Act to make valid deeds, mortgages, bonds of conveyances, bills of sale and all other conveyances of real and personal property, or of any interest therein or agreements relating thereto, defective in acknowledgment or in the certificate thereof, or when the official character of the officer taking the acknowledgment has not been stated in the body of the certificate or certified to, as required by law, or when the conveyance or agreement has not been witnessed or sealed, or when any deed heretofore made to or from a corporation prior to the payment of bonus tax which was afterwards paid, or any mortgage or assignment of mortgage defectively sworn to or not sworn to at all."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Chapter 554 of the Acts of the General Assembly