

CHAPTER 494

(Senate Bill 551)

AN ACT to add new Section 665 (n) to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", sub-heading "Soft Shell Clams", providing the penalties for violations of Article 663A pertaining to the taking or catching of soft shell clams in or on any prohibited area. IN QUEEN ANNE'S OR TALBOT COUNTIES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 665 (n) be and it is hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", sub-heading "Soft Shell Clams", to read as follows:

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(n) *Any person violating any provisions of Section 663A pertaining to the taking or catching of soft shell clams in or on any closed or prohibited area OF THE WATERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S OR TALBOT COUNTIES shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned in the House of Correction not less than three (3) months nor more than six (6) months, or be both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the Court.*

In addition thereto, at the discretion of the Court hearing the case, any boat, dredge, or other device, truck, trailer, or any other thing appurtenant thereto, used in connection with the violation, may be declared forfeited to the State of Maryland and delivered to the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries for such disposition thereof as, in the opinion of the said Commission, may be most advantageous to the State. All monies received from such fines, and from the disposition of any forfeited boat, dredge, or other device, truck, trailer, or any other thing appurtenant thereto, when in such disposition a sale thereof by the State of Maryland is involved, shall be paid to the Comptroller of the Treasury, or his agents, and credited to the "Clam Fund".

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

Approved April 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 495

(Senate Bill 552)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 663A(e) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Supple-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.