

(e) In the Chester River, and the tributaries thereof, including Reed's Creek and the Corsica River, unless herein specially prohibited, without limitation arising from a designation of oyster bars or natural oyster bars on the charts of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall permit the taking or catching of soft shell clams within fifty (50) yards of any commercially productive oyster area.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or prohibit the Department of Research and Education and/or the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries from conducting scientific investigations of any nature, at any time, by the use of any devices, procedures or means, in any of the waters of Queen Anne's County, or the waters of the Chesapeake Bay adjacent thereto, anything to the contrary in this section notwithstanding.

(r) Penalties.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, unless otherwise herein specified, shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(1) Excepting violations of sub-titles (c), (d), (e), (f) and (j), any person found guilty by a court of law of three violations of the provisions of this section within any twelve (12) month period may, in addition to the fine herein prescribed, have his license suspended or revoked by the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, after a hearing thereon by the Commission after ten (10) days notice to the licensee, served by registered mail to the addressee only, or by personal service by the Commission or its duly authorized officers.

(2) All violations of this section by resident licensees, or by others residing in Queen Anne's County, shall be tried by the Trial Magistrate for Queen Anne's County, anything to the contrary in this Article notwithstanding; but nothing herein contained shall deny to any defendant the right to waive the jurisdiction of such Trial Magistrate, or to appeal to the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County from any ruling, decision or finding of such Trial Magistrate.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved May 5, 1959.

CHAPTER 830

(House Bill 172)

AN ACT to add new Section 418A to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishment", sub-title "Crimes and Punishments", to follow immediately after

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

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

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