

CHAPTER 692

(House Bill 889)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 708 (p) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", providing penalties for anyone moving, removing, tampering with, or destroying any buoys, stakes or monuments marking leased oyster lands.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 708 (p) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(p) Each lessee, immediately upon completion of a lease, shall cause the land designated as leased to him to be plainly marked out by stakes, buoys or monuments, under the supervision of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries; at least four of such stakes, buoys or monuments shall have the initials of the lessee plainly marked upon them. Reasonable diligence shall be exercised by the lessee to maintain such buoys or stakes but the temporary loss or destruction of any such buoys or stakes shall not operate to permit any unauthorized person to trespass upon such leased areas or to remove, destroy, or disturb oysters thereon. *Anyone moving, removing, tampering with, or destroying any such buoys, stakes, or monuments shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$250.*

In any action at law involving an alleged trespasser on any such leased lands where such buoys or stakes have been so lost or destroyed, the court shall not impose any penalty upon such alleged violator, for such alleged violator, if the court shall determine as a fact that said alleged trespass was accidental, unwitting and unintentional.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 693

(House Bill 910)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 499 (c) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1957 Edition, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County", sub-title "Trailers", relating to the

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.