

a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 15, 1966.

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CHAPTER 9

(House Bill 386)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 708(u) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," to authorize the taking of oysters from leased grounds in the waters of Dorchester County by means of dredging for a temporary period of time and providing for the automatic expiration of this Act, and correcting an error therein.

WHEREAS, Environmental conditions in the waters of Dorchester County necessitate the expeditious removal of oysters from certain areas of leased oyster grounds within the county; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 708(u) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Oysters and Clams," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(u) A lessee is privileged to cultivate or remove oysters so planted on his leased area in any manner that he deems proper, provided he has complied with the law providing for the licensing of boats or tongers in removing them for market or transplanting; and provided, however, that no lessee or holder of any submerged area in Dorchester, Wicomico, Charles (in waters other than the Patuxent River), Queen Anne's or Kent counties, or in the Manokin River in Somerset County, shall take or catch oysters on such leased land by any device other than tongs or patent tongs, and provided further that in Anne Arundel County no boat other than one in which the lessee or holder of any submerged lands has at least a partial interest shall operate such leased land. *Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection applicable to Dorchester County, it is lawful to take oysters from leased grounds in the DORCHESTER county by means of dredging during the period from the effective date of this Act until ~~September~~ OCTOBER 1, 1966.*

In that water area in Somerset County only in Pocomoke Sound and Pocomoke River only east of Tull's Point and Marumsco Natural Oyster Bar eastward to Williams' Point, a lessee may authorize a nonresident to take oysters by tong only as herein provided, upon condition that said nonresident exhibit said authorization in writing to the Department of [Tidewater Fisheries] Chesapeake Bay Affairs and obtain therefrom a license to take said oysters from the leased grounds in that portion of Somerset County hereinabove described. The nonresident shall in all respects conform to the regulations provided in this article. The license herein provided shall cost